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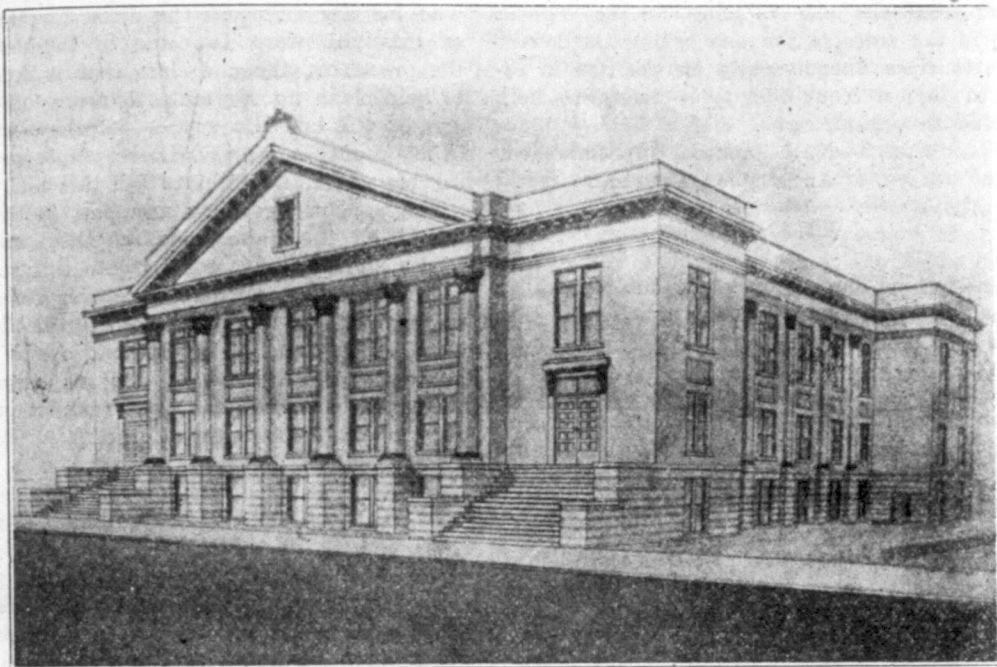
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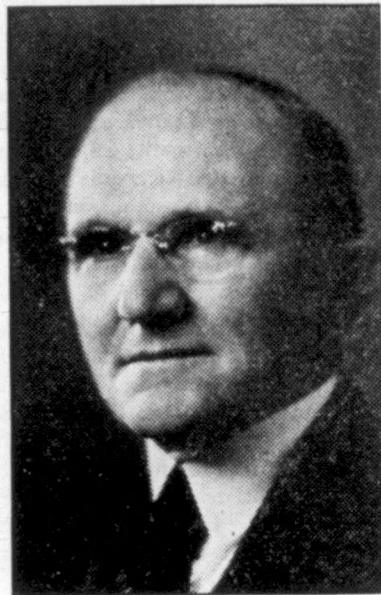
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## McCOMB SPECIAL EDITION



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, McCOMB



DR. J. W. MAYFIELD, D.D.  
Recently Deceased Pastor  
McComb First Baptist Church

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church of McComb was organized soon after the founding of the city along about 1872. The church, under the leadership of consecrated pastors, grew in numbers and power until today it has a membership of over 1,700. About fifteen years ago the church, under the leadership of the pastor, the lamented John W. Mayfield, embarked on a building program.

One of the finest church structures in the state was erected at the corner of Fourth and Delaware. The original cost was approximately \$115,000.00, financed through a bond issue. With  
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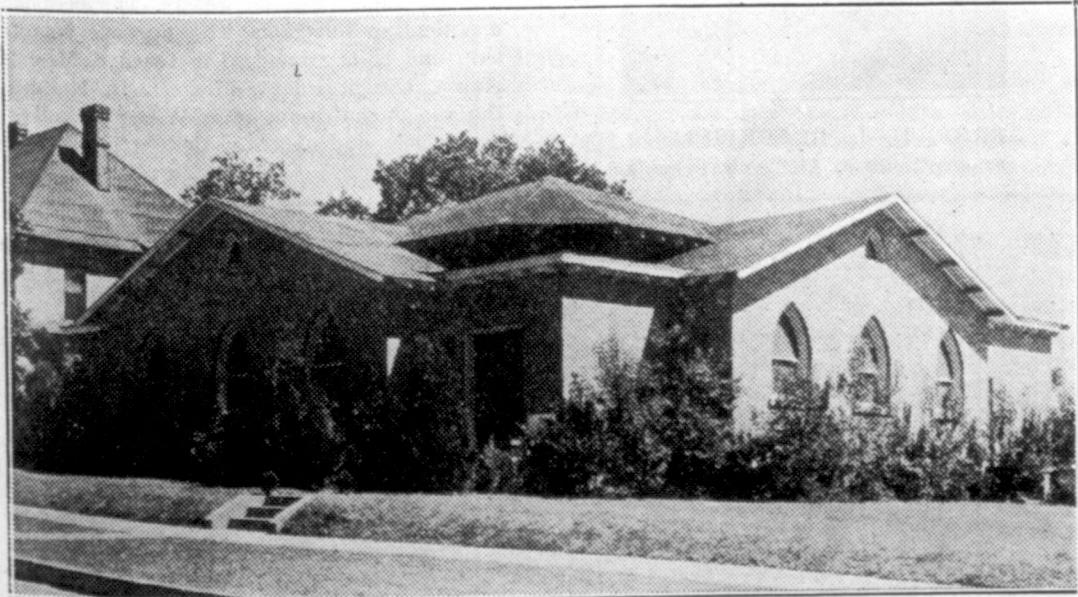
### CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Central Baptist Church of McComb was organized September 25, 1921, with Rev. J. H. Lane as pastor. The church organized with 63 charter members and built a brick church building at the cost of \$25,000.00. The first deacons of the church were: J. J. Haley, J. A. Hunt, Ellis D. Kendall, S. D. McClurg, T. C. Johnson, John McDaniel and P. E. Cullom.

Rev. Fred B. Bookter is now pastor of Central Church. The present membership is 428, and the church is thoroughly organized. The church has a good Sunday school with J. L. Johnson superintendent. Jim Parnell is the di-  
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This special McComb edition is made possible by the contributions of the following: Mayor X. A. Kramer, Senator Hansford L. Simmons, F. W. Woolworth Co., Mechanics Bank, First National Bank, Morgan & Lindsay, W. V. Johnson, Dr. W. M. Neville, L. Z. Dickey, T. L. Hunt, W. A. Williams, J. S. Reeves & Co., J. D. Fly, J. E. Alford, W. H. Walsh, Photo Art Shop, Abdalla's Department Store, American Oil Co., Ernest T. Jackson, Hartman, Piggly Wiggly, A Friend, C. D. Anderson, State Barber Shop, D. Lee Blackwelder, McNeas Motors, Inc.

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CIRCULATION THIS WEEK  
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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, McCOMB



REV. FRED B. BOOKTER, Pastor  
Central Baptist Church



## Sparks and Splinters

**Woodville:** We had a splendid service at Woodville Sunday with a very sympathetic and attentive congregation. We are planning to go forward with our building program in the near future. We are happy in the work and God is blessing us in our feeble efforts.—T. J. Delaughter, Pastor Woodville Church.

**Lambert:** We are happy in the work here. I have never labored in a field where the spirit of cooperation was any better and the Lord is certainly guiding in the work here. Rarely does a Sunday pass when we do not have someone to come into the church. There are five awaiting baptism now. There seems to be a spirit-led revival in progress here at Lambert. Remember us in your prayers.—R. W. Porter, Pastor.

**Itta Bena:** From a recent copy of the bulletin of the First Baptist church, we note an announcement of the ordinance of baptism; an appeal for Record subscribers; an optimistic B. T. U. announcement; two sermons by the pastor the same Sunday afternoon, one to a negro church, and one to a neighboring church. It is no wonder that the church attendance is on the up-grade.

**Laurel to Summerland.** A Baptist Brotherhood was organized at the Summerland Baptist church, Sunday evening, February 20. Mr. H. L. Strickland was elected president, and Mr. Burl Welborn, secretary. The meeting time will be Sunday evening just before the preaching hour. The West Laurel Brotherhood assisted in the organization. Brother Farr is doing a fine work at Summerland, and these laymen are backing him up.

**Bogalusa, La.:** The Superior Avenue and First Baptist Churches were delighted Sunday to have President Holcomb and the girls' quartette from the Mississippi Woman's College. It was a real joy to renew relationship with our friend of many years and to hear the highly praised girls' quartette. Having these Mississippi friends, revived our ties of other years with our many friends in the Mississippi Baptist work. We rejoice in every indication of your growth and extending kingdom witnesses.—O. P. Estes.

**Dr. M. T. Andrews,** pastor of the First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas, is booked to sail from New York May the twenty-fifth on the S. S. Queen Mary, accompanying Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Maddry on a missionary survey for the Foreign Mission Board. They go first to Europe and to Rome for the adjustment of mission problems in Italy. They will then return to the English coast and sail for Lagos, South Africa, thence to Nigeria where they will spend some six weeks with our missionaries in that section. The entire itinerary will cover about three and a half months, bringing them back to New York early in September.

**To the members of Wilkinson Memorial Baptist Church:** The church has voted recently to send our denominational paper to every home in our membership. This action of the church has encouraged and brought much joy to the heart of your pastor. It is my sincere desire that each member will prayerfully and carefully read The Baptist Record each week, because it will enrich your lives and help our church to become more spiritual and fruitful. The Lord will be pleased with our increased interest in His work, and we will be happier. The Record is our best means of keeping ourselves informed of the work of our denomination, both in the state and abroad. There will be much information here that will give you a new vision of the tasks of Southern Baptists, not only in the state of Mississippi but throughout the whole world. If you will prayerfully read your copy of the Record during this year you will be a much better informed Baptist, and you will be inspired to do more for the Lord than you have ever done in the past.—W. H. Wood, Pastor.

### THE TASK BEFORE US

The legislature overwhelmingly voted down a liquor bill, but the fight has really begun. Liquor forces will be more determined to break down resistance, and we shall have the most open, bold bootlegging and lawlessness we have ever known, unless the people become aroused and see that law is enforced. Rigid enforcement is now imperative. To secure enforcement the people must organize and demand enforcement, and give support to officers in enforcement. Your Anti-Saloon League recommends that county-wide mass meetings be held, and forces organized. Your league is ready to come and help in organization. Call the meetings and write your league. Law can be enforced. It is being enforced in some sections of the state.

It is also necessary that the forces organize and in organized capacity require every candidate, from the one aspiring to the highest office in the state to the one asking the lowest office, to state unequivocally his position in regard to liquor. Your league is ready to help and lead in organizing!

—N. S. Jackson, Superintendent  
Anti-Saloon League

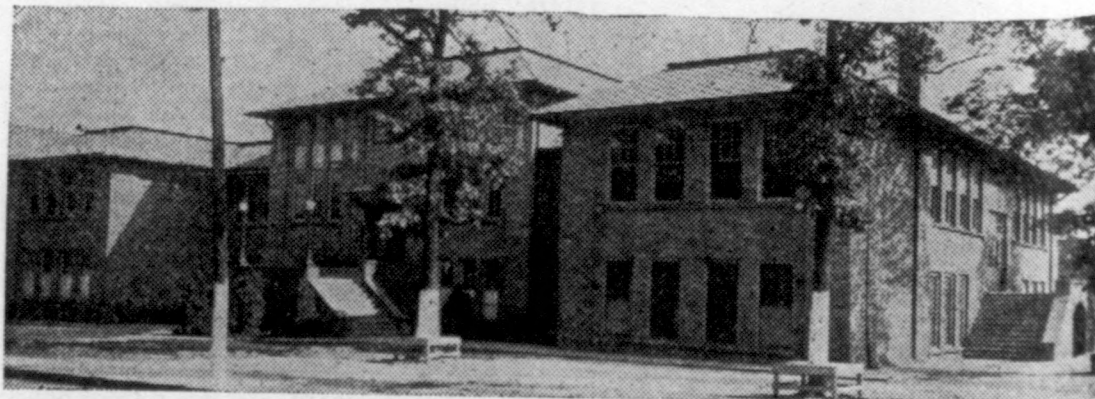
### THANKS

Space forbids naming each one but to each of the many who prepared various articles for this special McComb edition, we say, "Thank you."

**Brother R. L. Smith** finished Mississippi College and was pastor of several churches in Copiah and Lincoln Counties; attended the Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, and was called to the Central Baptist Church, McComb, and preached his first sermon July 1, 1931. The church grew in every way and about 100 members were added to the church during his ministry. He was a useful servant of the denomination, a loving companion and a faithful pastor. On January 18, 1937, the Lord saw fit to call him to his heavenly reward, leaving a loving wife, one daughter and one son.



PROF. D. L. BLACKWELDER  
Superintendent McComb Schools



McCOMB'S CITY HIGH SCHOOL

### DRY LEADER LASHES CRITICS OF MINISTERS

Surprised At Article Linking Them With Bootleggers

(The article below which is self explanatory should be heartening to every lover of law and order.—A.L.G.)

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 22.—Representative E. E. Arnold of Panola County, who led dry forces to victory in defeating the House bill legalizing the sale of liquor on a county option basis, today issued the following statement:

"On the twenty-first, there was an article in The Commercial Appeal written by Mr. Wright of Leflore County charging the preachers and bootleggers for the defeat of the Liquor Bill on last Thursday. I am surprised at any citizen of this state for connecting our preachers with the bootlegging element of our state; I, as one who led the fight on the floor for the defeat of this bill, want to come to the defense of the preachers, the one class that is doing more to help clean up our state than any other class, and, too, I had the support of the best people of my county and state. These people were backing me up in the fight to kill this bill, and not a single bootlegger had any part in this fight, except on the liquor side, as they would like to see all the liquor coming into this state that can come, and, too, there were over 400 students in our various colleges through petition that were backing me in this fight.

"I was also backed by the majority of the homes of our state, the very foundation of our government."—Commercial Appeal.

### DEACONS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, McCOMB

The First Baptist Church of McComb has a long and active list of deacons, composed of thirty-seven members as follows:

L. Z. Dickey, chairman; Kenneth G. Price, V. C. Dickey, F. D. Hewitt, Dr. B. J. Hewitt, J. R. Cannon, Dr. Thomas Purser, Dr. M. D. Ratcliff, J. B. Middleton, W. F. Holmes, J. E. Gardner, W. H. Walsh, T. J. Gordon, W. A. Williams, A. B. Williams, Dr. W. F. Cotten, R. P. McCullough, E. W. Gatlin, J. C. McNeese, W. F. Jackson, N. B. Williams, J. A. Jones, W. V. Johnson.

H. P. Mosley, Helmer P. Mosley, E. O. Murrell, R. D. Brock, J. Burton Alford, Ira E. Moak, Hansford L. Simmons, C. H. Douglas, Howard C. Smith, Dr. L. W. Brock, L. D. Dodds, W. W. Cram, B. B. Stamps, F. D. Coker.

**Lyon:** The most successful Sunday school training school in the history of the Lyon Baptist church has just been completed. The pastor taught "Personal Factors in Character Building." The attendance at each session was larger than the enrollment of our officers and teachers. The T. E. L. class of the Lyon Baptist church recently met in social session with the other ladies of the church as guests. The occasion was a Valentine luncheon. The purpose was fellowship and enlargement. The teacher, Mrs. Myrtis Aaron, the president, Mrs. H. D. McInnis, and the social chairman, Mrs. Wilson Schultz, planned wisely and executed delightfully.—Wyatt R. Hunter.





## FACTS ABOUT THE CITY OF McCOMB

McComb is a fair example of the execution of Governor Hugh L. White's idea of balancing agriculture with industry.

Industry and agriculture, while not exactly balanced, are both developed in this community.

McComb has made greater industrial progress during the last five years than any other Mississippi city.

McComb is the headquarters of the Illinois Central Railroad shops. Here, over a thousand men are employed in the manufacturing and maintenance of refrigerator cars, box cars, and other railroad rolling stock. Locomotives are also kept in repair. In the Illinois Central blacksmith shop locomotive parts are produced and shipped throughout the system of the Illinois Central.

McComb has one of the largest ice plants in the system. Over six thousand carloads of strawberries are packed and iced at this plant. McComb is midway between the center of the nation's largest strawberry producing section and the world's largest tomato section.

It is an interesting sight to see a full train-load of tomatoes or strawberries iced in McComb. Within the period of from twenty to thirty minutes a train can be completely iced and sent on its way to the markets of the north and east and midwest.

The Van Dyke Knitting Company is the largest manufacturing plant to be established in McComb. Here young women manufacture garments and in the Van Dyke Products Company, located in another section of the city, paste-board boxes are manufactured and shipped to this and other garment plants throughout Mississippi and neighboring states.

The McComb Cotton Mills manufactures Pike County cotton into material used in the upholstering of Ford automobiles and also the material which goes into the manufacture of oil-cloth. This plant employs approximately five hundred people.

In the vicinity of greater McComb is the Indianapolis Wirebound Box Co., an organization that does both domestic and export business. The Avery Body Works, which manufactures bodies for automobiles, is another thriving industry; as is the Mississippi Box and Crate Company. The Mississippi Plywood Corporation is an enterprising concern which utilizes native hardwoods. The Berthadale Mills is one of the most unique plants of its kinds in the South. Here the finest of rayon tapestries is produced. To this plant also great furniture manufacturing companies look for their materials to be used in upholstering of furniture.

McComb is situated in the center of a broad and fertile agriculture section. There are many cotton farms. Dairying also is a leading industry. Farmers produce much hay, corn, poultry and livestock. Nowhere in the world is better cane syrup produced.

The McComb Dairy Products Company, manufacturers of Angel Food Ice Cream, and Sham-rock butter, is one of the enterprising firms which has added much to the development of the dairying industry of this section.

One industry which is helping to balance industry and agriculture is the McComb Milling Company, manufacturers of feed. This plant affords a ready cash market for corn, hay, soy beans and velvet beans and at the same time maintains an attractive payroll.

McComb was founded in the year 1872. Every ten year period has shown consistent gains. Commercially it is the center of a trade area stretching from a radius of from 40 to 50 miles. It is on the main line of the Illinois Central Railroad and within a couple of miles of the terminal of the Fernwood, Columbia and Gulf Railroad. The community boasts a modern airport.

McComb and Pike County are justly proud of the growth and development of its health department under its director, T. Paul Haney, Jr., M.D., C.P.H.

The Pike County health department was or-

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## J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In the oldest record book of the J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church the first entry to be found is this:

"Col. H. S. McComb, President of the Railroad from New Orleans to Cairo, employed the Rev. Robert Proctor to labor as an evangelist in McComb City for the purpose of organizing and building up a Presbyterian Church.

"He commenced his labors upon the first Sabbath of January, 1875, and preached on the same day in the Hall of the public school building."

This organization was completed that year under the name, The First Presbyterian Church of McComb, Miss. There were sixteen charter members. At this time the population of McComb was considerably less than 2,000. Here is an excerpt from the minutes of the session meeting of October 4, 1880:

"McComb City, in many respects, is a very inviting and interesting field for the work of the church. It is a town of nearly 2,000 inhabitants, one half of which are of the Roman Catholic religion; of the other half, perhaps the larger number are open infidels and Universalists, and do not seem to be ashamed to proclaim their disbelief openly upon the streets. The Sabbath day is disregarded and desecrated; God's holy name is blasphemed. Here, then, most surely, should the glorious Gospel of Christ, which is the wisdom of God and power of God for the overthrow of Satan and sin, be boldly and fearlessly proclaimed."

In 1876 this little group of people decided to launch a building campaign. The officers provided expenses to send the pastor north to get help. Due to sacrificial effort a building was completed before the end of the year. Colonel H. S. McComb had given great encouragement in this venture and helped greatly by substantial contributions. This was the first Protestant church building in McComb, and at first was used by other denominations as well as Presbyterians. For a time a union Sunday school was held in this building. This church was used until 1921 when it was sold to the Church of the Disciples and is now being used by them. That year the sons and daughters of the late Captain J. J. White, one of whom is our present governor, erected a beautiful church in memory of their father. Thus it is that what was originally the First Presbyterian Church has come to be known as the J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

This church has unusual musical equipment. A magnificent organ was installed when the church was erected. Later the Johnson family gave a set of Deagan Tower Chimes as a memorial to Mr. J. W. Johnson, who for many years had been a ruling elder in the church and an outstanding citizen of McComb. In addition, an Echo Organ was installed as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. J. Dock Harrell; inside chimes were given as a memorial to E. C. Riegger; the Woman's Auxiliary gave to the church a Concert Harp.

While this church has never been a large church, its membership now is only a little more than 400, it has through the years rendered a large service. Through its services and its contributions it has stood alongside the other churches of McComb and of the state.

The following men have served as pastors in the order in which they are named: Robert Proctor; J. C. Graham; C. M. Munn; W. H. Perkins; H. J. Cumpston; E. W. Ford; R. V. Lancaster; B. C. Bell; F. Z. Browne; E. D. Holloway; Frank Hill Caldwell; Charles E. Guice. The last named of these ministers, Dr. Charles E. Guice, has been a minister of this church since 1930, having served the church for a longer period of time than any other of its pastors.

Kosciusko: Dr. J. W. Middleton of Clinton will assist Pastor A. T. Cinnamon in a meeting at First Church, Kosciusko, beginning May 8th. Joe Canzoneri will probably assist as song leader.

## McCOMB CITY SCHOOLS

A brief history of the McComb City Schools is quoted from a History of Pike County and McComb written in 1922 by Miss Nannie Gillis, at that time a member of the McComb City Schools faculty and at the present time Pike County superintendent of education:

### Development of School System

"Herald: The earlier records of the city having been destroyed by fire. The information concerning the schools of McComb before the year 1885 has been obtained from individuals who depended upon memory to give the facts. In the early days, the building now used as the Central School was constructed by the Mississippi Valley Company for school purposes and Colonel McComb contracted with teachers and guaranteed their salaries. Among the first teachers were Misses Annie and Kate Collier, Lottie Butterworth, Rev. S. S. Relyear, and Professor S. H. Dabney.

"The first prize was a book of poems offered by Mr. J. J. Jarvis and won by Mattie Lea, the sainted daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Lea. Mr. J. M. Sharp established a High School for boys in East McComb in 1880 but in 1882 he sold his interest to Mr. ealey. Mr. C. S. Kellogg also had a school for boys in North McComb.

"After Colonel McComb left, the city government manifested little interest in education for the public schools were entirely under county supervision. In 1885, the town appropriated \$80 for paying rent on two buildings, one in East and one in West McComb, and in 1886 an ordinance was passed, to levy a tax of two and one-half mills to run the public schools three months, but this was repealed. In 1887, the school desks were left in the care of individuals to be used in private schools. The year 1888 is particularly interesting for the generous sum of \$75 per year was appropriated for the public schools but when the Board of Selectmen found that the privilege tax belonged to the school fund, the appropriation of \$75 was withdrawn. But there were some progressive men in the community for on July 30, 1888, a committee of citizens appeared before the board, asking 'that McComb be made a separate school district and that a tax be levied on real estate, on personal property, and on persons sufficient to carry the schools for not less than three months.' The request was unanimously denied at the next meeting of the Board. In 1889, \$85.75 was paid for rent, fuel and incidentals.

"Dr. O. B. Quin became mayor in 1890 and one of the first acts of his administration was the ordinance to 'create the limits of McComb into a separate school district' and for the first time the schools were run eight months. The number enrolled the first month was 222.

"From 1891 the enrollment increased gradually but only a grammar school was maintained until 1896 when two years of high school were added to the curriculum. In 1902, eleven grades were taught and in 1912, we had a full four years' high school course."

The present available records name the following men who have served as superintendents of the City Schools: W. B. Mixon, Charles Webb, G. P. McFarlane, T. H. Locke, B. F. Hughes, H. P. Hughes, W. C. Williams, present superintendent of schools, Greenwood; Joseph E. Gibson, professor of education at Tulane University; and the present superintendent, D. L. Blackwelder.

The physical plant of the McComb City Schools includes six buildings: High School, enrollment 474; Grammar School, enrollment, 437; East McComb School, enrollment 396; North McComb School, enrollment 128; South McComb School, enrollment 213; Burglandtown (Negro) School, enrollment 340; total, 1,987.

### High School Courses of Study

The increase in the enrollment of secondary schools has resulted in increased variations in abilities, interests and needs of pupils. This has led to the development of the diversified offering intended to serve these diverse needs. As

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# EDITORIALS

## EDITOR'S TRAVELOGUE

Friends have been saying, "You need to get away for a little rest and relaxation from the strain. Go on; we'll look after everything." With a little push from that side and a little pull from the other side, they soon had us on wheels and bound for Florida. For in Florida a son and daughter and three granddaughters—one of them a brand new one—these were pulling. Along came a son and daughter from Colorado Springs, under the shadow of the Rocky Mountains, in their new car bound for Key West, and we are on the way.

All out for Brookhaven! and we pause for a chat with more children and grandchildren. Next stop is McComb! And here kinfolk and relatives combine to provide the best "filling station" on the road. Zip! we turn the curve at Hammond, La., across by Slidell and on to Gulfport for the night. Here we declined "cocktails" and "highballs," whatever they are and sped on by the Gulf waters to a famous "Garden" just before entering Mobile. We had seen some "azaleas" and "japonicas" along the way, and it would be hard to find anything more beautiful; but here they are in all their glory! And glorious they are! Is there anything more beautiful? An azalea bush more than seventy-five feet in circumference! I am about to run out of exclamation points. Flowers in February as beautiful as any in June. The still water here reflects the colors from the blooming shrubery on both banks. No wonder we see parked at the gate cars from many states in the far northwest, and from Maryland and Virginia. Nature and human culture have joined hands to decorate the earth along the coast country.

We wormed our way through Mobile and Pensacola, and when we saw a sunny son of Africa ringing the dinner bell on the hill beyond this ancient city, we stopped to see what it was that was troubling him, or made him so radiant as you may prefer. Then we turned down the coast route to make a semicircle to the next stop. And when we saw the green waters from the Gulf come shouting their way in warning white plumes, we stopped. It was too beautiful to pass. One car ahead of us had stopped and the gentleman and lady were strolling along the beach in the sunshine, the lady barefooted in the edge of the waves. We were content to feast our eyes and our souls rather than our soles on the water and the white sand, the latter spreading like a winter snow scene for miles along the coast. We watched the surf without being surfeited and went away thinking of Him "who made the sea also."

By this delay we were after night getting to Apalachicola where we slept without dreaming, and were on our way early the next morning rejoicing in the fine sunshine we had seen for several days. For thirty miles we skirted the water and then turned inland to Tallahassee and then southeastward toward the peninsula. The hills were a relief from the monotony of the coast line, till we dropped again to the low country where for miles on miles we shooed the cattle and pigs off the road and watched the forests fly past us and then a little more inland to Ocala. From this on were evidences of a subtropical area in the tall palms by the wayside and the bewhiskered priests of the orthodox oaks. Then as we approached DeLand the orange orchards came in sight. The olive green trees with pendant golden fruit were also sprayed with the white blossoms that perfumed the air.

In DeLand we alternated between sitting with the family group and venturing out for the Sunshine and the many attractions of this beautiful city and the environs all the way out to the beach. We had seen live oaks and water oaks by the hundreds, but here they are by the thousands, these bearded sentinels of the centuries, whose flowing garments of moss give

them the appearance of priests and patriarchs, and whose branches covering almost every avenue from both sides, forming an arch as of a long temple. Here is the home of the John B. Stetson University, whose stately buildings are in the heart of the city, and whose president, Dr. W. S. Allen, greeted us cordially. One of the professors furnished the grapefruit from his orchard, and another in whose home we stayed gathered oranges from his own yard. Out to the golf links for a sunny morning with those who played. We are not yet old enough to play. And in the afternoon a drive to New Smyrna on the coast, some of whose people dispute the claim of St. Augustine to being the oldest city. Up the coast to Daytona Beach and Ormand Beach made famous by Mr. Rockefeller and the automobile racer. But these places were beautiful before these famous folks found them, for the natural beauty of the sea coast here would be hard to equal among the world's famous resorts. And the folks have found it out, as you will learn from the big hotels, and the cars from every state and from Canada. But this was not intended for an advertisement, just a personal travelogue. We refrain from telling you about the children and grandchildren here or you might be misled into thinking that this was written by somebody no longer a young man.

This is as far as we have gone.

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## WHY WE LOVE

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In the fourth chapter of the First Epistle of John, the nineteenth verse, we are told "We love, because He first loved us." We call attention to the difference in the reading in the newer versions and the old version. The King James Version says, "We love him because he first loved us." But there is no word in the original for "Him," and no reason in the connection for supposing it should be there.

The whole of John's first epistle was written that the people to whom it was addressed might know whether or not they were Christians. He says, "These things have I written unto you that ye may know that ye have eternal life, even unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God." A careful reading of the epistle will show that John dwells upon two things that characterize a Christian, and when present give assurance that one is a Christian, and without which one will either be in doubt or will know that he is not a Christian. One of these is a righteous life, or victory over sin; the other is love for other Christians and then for all men. He says, "We know we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren." That is like what Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." And Paul said, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, etc."

In the fourth chapter of this first epistle, the emphasis is put on loving one another. See verse seven: Beloved let us love one another for love is of God. Again verse 12, "If we love one another God abideth in us," etc. And then in verse 19, "We love because he first loved us." It is true he does not say, "We love one another because he first loved us." He puts it broader than that. His statement is without limitation to anyone, or any group. It is that we love, because he first loved us.

John's purpose is to show how it comes about that we do love at all, or can love, when it is not natural with us, and not humanly possible for us to do it. We are commanded to love one another; yes to love our enemies. How can we do it? We are commanded first of all and above all to love God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength. Alas how difficult, how impossible this is for human nature. But in Deut-30:6 Moses says, "Jehovah thy God will circumcise thy heart, to love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart." What is impossible with men is possible with God.

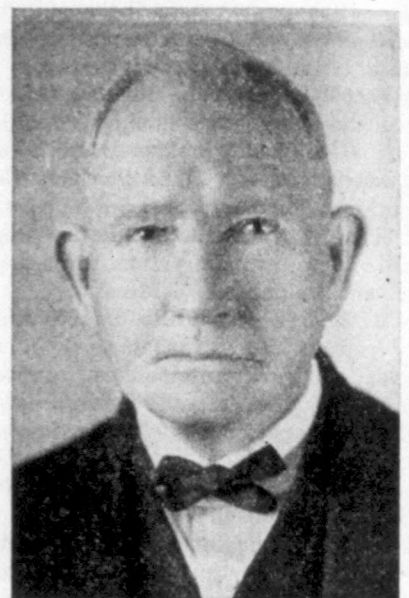
And the way God enables us to fulfill the commandment to love is by loving us, by loving us so intensely, that he gives his own Son to

die in our places. Love has been awakened in many a young woman's heart by the young man pouring out to her his story of devoted love and certainly by his demonstrating that love in acts of sacrificial devotion. She loves, because he first loved. That is in accord with all psychology and what is better with all experience. It is the story of God's love expressed in the gift of his Son on Calvary, this breaks men's hearts and turns them from enmity to love. Paul says, "The love of Christ constrained us; because we thus judge that one died for all therefore all died; and he died for all that that live should no longer live unto themselves but unto Him who for their sakes died and rose again." And he immediately says that this determines our attitude toward others: "Wherefore we henceforth know no man after the flesh."

It is difficult to see how any man can seriously the story of Jesus in the gospels, particularly the chapters that tell of His death without its breaking his heart and making him all over again. When the sunshine comes into your room it changes everything. When the stream from Niagara is made to pass through the machinery of the power house built on the bank, it lights the whole country round, and sets the wheels of industry in motion. When the tides of God's love flow into our hearts they change all the conditions of our being more than the inflow of tides in the government project at Passamaquoddy ever can. We love because He first loved us. The power is there to transform, to illuminate, to energize and set in motion all the potential forces for righteousness and service.



J. L. JOHNSON, S. S. Supt.  
Central (McComb) Baptist Church



J. J. HALEY  
Chairman Board of Deacons  
Central Baptist Church, McComb

Thursday, March 8, 1934

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## LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager  
"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"

### IT DOES HELP

The Sunday school of Dixie Church in Forrest County averages sixty-five whereas last year it was forty. There were ninety-one present on January 16. Let's hear from other country Sunday schools. Rev. C. S. Moulder is pastor at Dixie for one-fourth time, and there are nearly 200 members.

This church has the EVERY FAMILY PLAN. And note the progress.

### HE TRIED—HE SUCCEEDED

"Dear brother Goodrich:

Since you were with us on the second Thursday in January in our men's meeting, there has been a lot of work going on to bring to the attention of our people the importance and value of getting the Baptist Record into the homes of all our members. It has taken a lot of persistent, up-hill pushing to bring it to pass. . . but we came out with a unanimous vote to try the EVERY FAMILY plan.

I also presented it at Leaf River on the third Sunday in January and they voted to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan.

Sincerely,  
R. R. BRIGANCE."

### AND WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE

Recently Pastor C. C. Jones came by the office and left the EVERY FAMILY list for Mendenhall church. He knew the EVERY FAMILY plan was a good thing and without any "interference" from the circulation manager he led his folk to do it.

Pastor D. H. Barnhill did likewise at Pelahatchie.

Rev. R. R. Brigance of Leaf River church in Covington County did the same.

The W. M. U. put it over at Louise.

Pastor J. O. Chappell of Cedar Grove church in Marion County did the same.

Rev. R. A. Tullos of Corinth church, Simpson County, did likewise.

Mrs. A. E. Dean of Agricola led over one-half the families there to subscribe.

IT MUST BE GOOD—ALL THESE CAN'T BE WRONG.

Since the above was written the following EVERY FAMILY lists have been received. It must be good!

Sharon church, Harrison County, Melvin T. Wilson, pastor; Hardy Station church, O. B. Beverley; Carson, E. B. Shivers; Sallis, G. W. Smith; Wilkinson Memorial church, Smith County, W. H. Wood; Hepzibeth church, Jeff Davis County, E. B. Shivers; New Ireland church, Newton County, L. Gordon Sansing; Central church, McComb, F. B. Bookter; Roundaway ½, Sunflower County, W. Clyde Hankins; Pleasant Ridge church, Scott County, O. B. Beverley.

### THIS PLAN ALWAYS WORKS

(He won't let us reveal his name but this noble pastor realized the need of the Record and GOT IT.)

"In fact, the deacons volunteered to underwrite the cost of the EVERY FAMILY plan for six months in case the budget did not take care of it. But never fear, if we have it for six months, we won't let it go. I know because I have prayed for us to have the Record and have the assurance that God has answered my prayers."

### THIS IS A WORKABLE PLAN

One pastor of a county seat church has an afternoon appointment. Not one Record subscriber did he find. He told them about the Record and explained that it could be paid



CHARLES E. GUICE, D.D., Pastor  
McComb Presbyterian Church

monthly if desired. Twenty subscribed that afternoon.

(Ask the people—they'll subscribe.)

### THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN—

Largest crowd in months at morning worship.  
It does pay to send the Record.

Yours,

A. E. Pardue.

Magnolia.

(This church has the EVERY FAMILY plan.  
—A. L. G.)

### HOW TO GET THE RECORD READ

Sunday morning, February 13, Mrs. Nelson and I worshipped with the noble church at Gloster, Miss. The beloved pastor, Dr. E. K. Cox, delivered, as usual, a soul-stirring sermon. Dr. Cox had a copy of The Baptist Record in the pulpit, and turning slowly from page to page called attention to various articles of interest, urging his congregation to read the Baptist Record regularly for information and inspiration.

F. S. Nelson.

### WHERE THERE'S A WILL—

Dear brother Goodrich:

Corinth Baptist church, near Magee, adopted the EVERY FAMILY plan last Sunday, and you received the list of names Monday.

We were not able to put on the EVERY FAMILY plan and support it out of the budget, but the good ladies of the church are going to save their Sunday eggs for that purpose. I think we shall like the plan fine.

Yours in Christ's service,

R. A. Tullos, Pastor

Corinth Baptist Church.

(What brother Tullos did many others could if—A. L. G.)

The Record must be good. Over 200 churches can't be wrong.

### TWO AND TWO MAKE FOUR

Read news note on page two and page thirteen of last week's Record about Clarksdale Baptist church. It is most encouraging. Clarksdale has more than 100 Record subscribers. The Record helps.

On page five of the last issue is an encouraging report from Dr. Gunter, saying Cooperative Program receipts are ahead of last year. AS THE RECORD SUBSCRIPTION LIST RISES SO DOES RECEIPTS.

On page nine last week was a fine report from Blue Mountain. Blue Mountain has the EVERY FAMILY plan.

On page sixteen of the last issue much progress is reported by Second Avenue Church in Laurel. They have the EVERY FAMILY plan.

The Record does help.



J. A. HUNT, Deacon and Clerk  
Central Baptist Church, McComb



FATHER McNARMA

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FEB. 27th

Jackson, First Church	1,020
Jackson, Calvary Church	979
Jackson, Griffith Memorial Church	746
Jackson, Parkway Church	243
Jackson, Northside Church	114
Clinton Baptist Church	459
Hattiesburg, First Church	528
Laurel, First Baptist Church	544
Laurel, West Laurel Church	452
Laurel, Second Avenue Church	266
Laurel, South Laurel Church	86
Brookhaven Church	630
Meridian, 41st Avenue Church	279
Columbia Baptist Church (2/20/38)	481
West Point, First Church	360
Magnolia, First Church (2/20/38)	216
Clarksdale Church	492
Newton Church	259
Indianola Church	175
Summerland Church	89
Dixie Church	110

Ruth: Will you please announce our meeting? We are asking for special prayer to be offered in behalf of this drive for the souls in this section. Preaching by Rev. W. A. (Slick) Green. Six of my churches are cooperating in this drive. Seven school buses will run from all the church communities to Ruth.—B. T. Bishop.

Hinds-Warren Association Sunday school meeting: The Hinds district meets at Calvary church of Jackson at 3:00 o'clock March 6th. Most of the time will be given to departmental conferences. All Sunday school workers are urged to attend. You may contribute to as well as receive good from them. Meeting ends at 4:00.—Walter E. Price, Jr., associate superintendent.



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—McComb

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the passing years the church has steadily met its building obligations, the indebtedness being reduced to less than one half the original amount.

The auditorium has a seating capacity of about 1,800. There are rooms fitted up for every activity of the church. On the side of the steps is inscribed the words in stone, "Christ is Risen." When the church was dedicated, Dr. Mayfield said: "We had as well stack this building full of hay, unless we are going to use it, and use it to the glory of God."

—BR—

## JOHN MAYFIELD

By H. L. S.

A shadow fell across south Mississippi when it was whispered, "Brother Mayfield is gone." A few Sundays before he had said in the pulpit, "I expect to preach for you people ten years longer, then I am going to retire." The next Sunday morning he stood in the pulpit and proclaimed the Gospel. At 11:40 he came down in front and said to his people, "I am a sick man; I've been preaching with a chill."

The next Sunday at 11:40, just as Rev. F. K. Horton, supplying for the stricken pastor, closed the service with an earnest prayer, the spirit of John Mayfield went home to God.

John Mayfield, more than thirty years ago, down in his old home county, felt a call to preach. He went to Mississippi College and to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, securing degrees. He was full of energy, ambitious activity, and forward plans. Entering the active ministry in 1909, he held leading pastorates in the Southland.

In 1922, he and his family came to McComb. There he built a great church building, developed a wonderful spirit in the congregation, pastored his people, made friends with the friendless, became the object of love from thousands of people of every denomination for miles about, and came to the forefront as a religious leader for Mississippi and the Southland.

Besides his work as pastor he was president of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College and a member of the Relief and Annuity Board from Mississippi. His sound business judgment had helped Mississippi College through financial crises in recent years. His like will not pass this way again.

—BR—

Shaw: We are beginning a study course for the Sunday school next Monday night, "The Grace of Giving." I am beginning a series of lectures each Wednesday evening on the Second Coming of Christ. I don't know just how many lectures yet, but at least four. Following this we begin our revival the third Sunday in March. Please remember us at the throne of Grace.—C. M. Day, Pastor.



REV. J. O. CRESOP, Rector  
Church of the Mediator

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR  
(Episcopal)

McComb, Mississippi

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From the first the Episcopal Church's interest in McComb was in the heart and hands of Major Ben Green and his family, and with their efforts, aided by a small band of devoted church people, a small frame church was erected in 1878, under the direction, supervision and actual physical labor of the Rev. W. P. Brown, then rector of the church in Summit, who walked the three miles (Summit to McComb) to work with his own hands on the building.

Rev. Brown continued serving the mission for a short time with more or less regularity. In 1881 Upton P. Bowden, deacon, was put in charge and during his time a rectory was built, but not entirely completed, and he, with his bride, lived in it when it was barely habitable, and there some of their children were born.

About 1885, A. B. Perry, a lay leader, was sent to the mission. During his stay he pursued his studies leading to the diaconate. Mr. Perry was ordered a deacon about February, 1887, and was immediately transferred to Como, Miss.

For many months occasional services were given by visiting clergy, among them Rev. Wm. DeHart, whose parents lived in McComb and were strong supporters of the church.

In 1889 Rev. Geo. L. Neida was sent to look after the work. Mr. Neida was a deacon, and pursued his studies for the priesthood, remaining until his ordination when he too was sent to other fields. He was succeeded by the Rev. J. K. Karcher and under his influence a bell and belfry were added to the church.

Dr. Karcher was succeeded by Rev. H. H. Messenger in 1894, and faithfully, until his death, continued the work in the Episcopal Missions in Pike County.

Dr. David E. Holt, priest, came with his family about 1899, remaining until about 1902, when, because of illness in his family, he removed to California. Rev. John Beean came in April, 1904, and continued until the early part of 1907, when he left the diocese going to Winfield, Kansas.

During the incumbency of Mr. Beean the chancel and room on the north side of the church were built, and the only constructive physical improvements made to the plant, except the belfry, since 1878. Like Mr. Brown, Mr. Beean worked with his own hands as hard as any carpenter or laborer on the job. Nor was this the only thing he did: First, he took a wife, going to Canada to be married, and then, with that good, faithful helpmate, the spiritual side of the work was intensified. In 1907, the Rev. Robt. E. Grubb took charge, and served the

## McCOMB CITY SCHOOLS

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the program of the school has expanded, the different phases of education have been divided into courses of study, each representing a group of subjects that prepare the student for some definite line of activity after graduating from high school.

The four courses offered by the McComb High School are: college preparatory, general, commercial, and diversified occupations. These courses vary in their requirements which depend upon the preparation required to enter a chosen college or vocation. These four courses lead to the high school diploma.

The college preparatory course, as the name indicates, is to be followed by students planning to enter college after graduation from the high school.

The general course gives the necessary units to colleges who are more liberal in their entrance requirements but is not so specific as the college preparatory course.

The diversified occupations program involves arrangements by which local employers agree to accept students on a part-time basis and the school undertakes to give instruction that is correlated with the work experience. The diversified occupations course plans to supply training under conditions of actual work and along many other lines that are usually contemplated by schools. Furthermore, it gives young people who do not intend to enter college a means to secure permanent jobs. Students who elect to follow this course may earn as much as two high school units in diversified occupations which will be credited for graduation either on the general or commercial course.

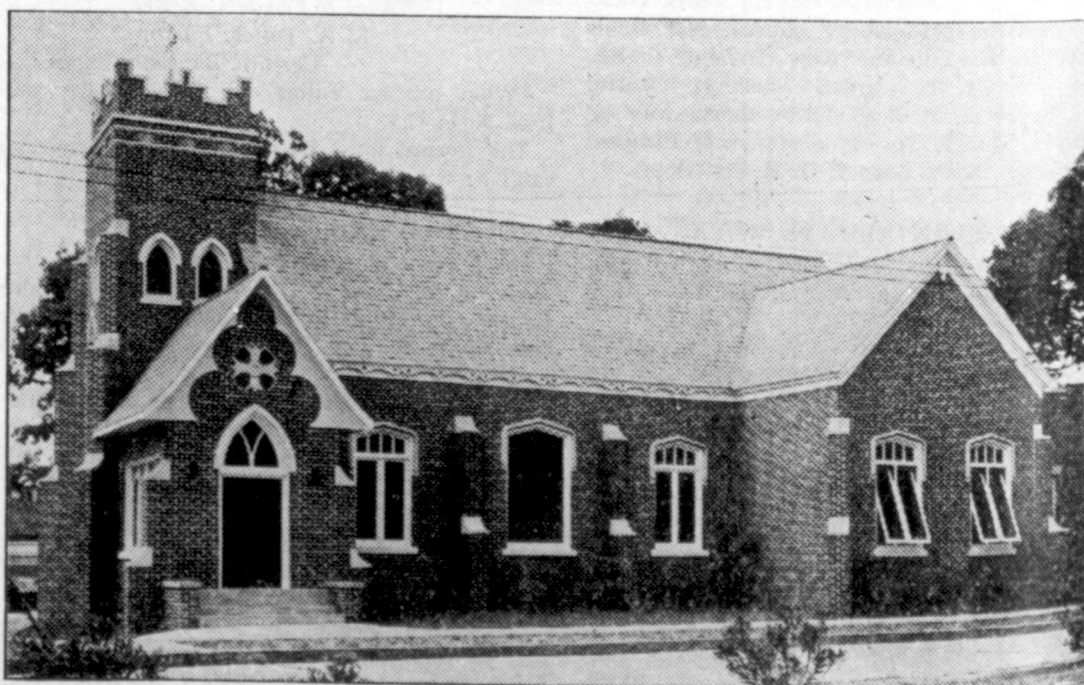
When a student elects to follow the diversified occupations course, an hour and a half of each school day is spent studying subjects that are related to his line of work. The other part of the school day, up to noon, is taken up with regular classroom work. Since this course was placed in the high school curriculum, at the beginning of the 1935-36 school session, it has proved to be a very successful program.

church nineteen years.

During the many lapses between the going and coming of clergy, the congregation had the services of many distinguished priests, namely: Dr. Douglas, father-in-law of Rev. Mr. Bowden, Dr. Geo. C. Harris, Rev. Frank Hallam, Rev. Wm. Barnes, and Rev. Robt. E. Lee Craig.

The Rev. E. G. Maxted was appointed priest-in-charge in 1928. During his pastorate the church was brick-veneered and otherwise rebuilt at a cost of about \$8,000.00, and is now a credit and ornament to the city.

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# SIXTEEN YEARS AS PASTOR OF THE SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, McCOMB

The Southside Baptist Church of McComb, Miss., was organized in 1903, by Rev. S. W. Sibley, who was at that time pastor of the First Baptist Church. The church was organized in the home of Mr. Joe Hailey with twenty-three members. Soon after the church was organized, the members began work to get a house of worship erected, and in a few months they had erected a neat little frame building, seating around three hundred people. Rev. J. P. Hemby was called as the first pastor and served for about one year. The church then called Rev. J. H. Lane who served the church for about two years. The church then called Rev. W. D. McCloud, who was at that time a student in Mississippi College. Brother McCloud served the church one year and resigned to re-enter Mississippi College. The church then called Rev. J. H. Lane again who gave the church half time for a number of years, and at the same time gave half time to the East McComb Church. In 1912 the Southside Church called Rev. Lane for full time, and he continued to give all his time to the church until the fall of 1921, when he resigned and organized the Central Church with members who withdrew from the Southside Church. Rev. Lane served the church sixteen years as pastor, and did a great work. When Rev. Lane resigned the church in the fall of 1921 the church called Rev. R. R. Jones, who was then pastor of the West Laurel Church, Laurel, Miss. He accepted and moved on the field January 1, 1922, and is now in his seventeenth year as pastor of the church. A nice pastor's home was erected during the year 1922, at a cost of \$3,000.

Soon after Rev. Jones became pastor the church started a movement to build a new church building. In 1923 the old church building was torn down and a new modern church building was erected of concrete and stucco, at a cost of \$20,000. The church auditorium will seat around 550 people and a basement which will take care of around 300 in Sunday school and B. T. U. work. During the "depression" the church being in debt, had a hard time, but managed to carry on and two years ago the church was fortunate enough to get the indebtedness refinanced, and now the church is meeting its financial obligation and doing more for outside causes than at any time in its history. The church is united and growing in every department. There were over fifty additions to the church last year, and around 500 additions to the church during the past sixteen years. The church membership is composed of people who do not get large salaries, yet nearly \$60,000 has been raised during this time. The Sunday school with brother George Bronson as superintendent is growing and doing fine work. The Men's Bible class, taught by the pastor, has an enrollment of sixty. The Ladies' Adult Bible class, Mrs. Eula Netterville, teacher, has an enrollment of around thirty. The Young Ladies' class, Miss Selma Rhodes teacher, has an enrollment of around twenty-five. The enrollment of the entire school is 300. Mrs. Ida Lee Bronson is the director of the B. T. U. work and the work is making fine progress under her efficient leadership. The B. A. U. of our church, under her as the director, is or was a few months ago, the only A-1 B. A. U. in the state. Mrs. C. M. Simonton is the president of the W. M. S. work of the church and is doing fine work.

R. R. Jones, Pastor.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST—SCIENTIST

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, was organized in McComb in 1927. The church building was erected in 1928. The church holds services every Sunday. It is customary to elect readers for the church every three years. The present readers are Mrs. Cleo Fuller, first reader, and Mrs. Philis Gridley, second reader.

## EAST McCOMB BAPTIST CHURCH



REV. W. A. GILL, Pastor  
East McComb Baptist Church

East McComb Baptist Church was organized October 1, 1901, with twenty-seven members and Rev. S. W. Sibley was called to be the first pastor, and a small frame building was erected the same year. Dr. J. B. Quin succeeded brother Sibley and other pastors were F. N. Butler, W. A. Gill, P. S. Rogers, J. H. Lane, Wm. Williams and again W. A. Gill who was called back to the church as pastor September 1, 1919, and is now in his twenty-third year as pastor including the first pastorate of three and one half years.

Eighteen years ago when brother Gill came back to his former pastorate the church had 225 members, and the first year the church had an increase of 118 members and has had a steady growth until now the church has 790 members. The present church building was erected in 1935 without debt.

Sixty-seven persons were baptized on profession of faith and fifty added by letter last year.



REV. R. L. (BOB) SMITH  
Late Pastor Central Baptist Church  
McComb, Miss.

During a six year pastorate at Tabernacle Church, Atlanta, Dr. W. H. Knight welcomed 2,836 new members, 1,380 of them coming by baptism. Nearly \$200,000 were contributed for all causes.

Pioneer Baptist Church, Wilkinson: New officers were elected as follows: Church Treasurer, L. C. Flowers; Church Clerk, Dorsey Travillion; Sunday School Superintendent, Zeke Yow; Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Douglas McCurley. The church has purchased a new piano of which they are very proud.—Mrs. Sessions Carter.

## FACTS ABOUT THE CITY OF McCOMB

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ganized July 1, 1931, in cooperation with the State Board of Health, the county and city and the Commonwealth Fund of New York.

Only this year the Commonwealth Fund of New York agreed to furnish \$35,000 to \$40,000 for the erection of a modern building in McComb to house the Pike County health department. This will make it one of the most modern and best equipped in the state of Mississippi.

The people of McComb are a very democratic people. This applies socially as well as politically. The people may be regarded as what is ordinarily referred to as "good neighbors." The spirit of the people is progressive. McComb is a city of beautiful churches. Perhaps no city in Mississippi has a greater variety of beautiful churches, and wholesome church congregations. The pastors of these churches cooperate magnificently which is a reflection of the general attitude of the people of the community.

The percentage of colored people in McComb is comparatively small as adjudged by the usual percentage in Mississippi cities. However, the colored people of this community are well behaved, well mannered and they can be classed as wholesome citizens.

Throughout the city are paved streets. Shrubbery adorns the neutral grounds and homes are marked by well kept lawns and gardens. True, it may be said, that McComb is a city of beautiful homes and the majority of the citizens are home owners.

The city is governed by a board of three, consisting of a mayor and two commissioners. The city government is in good financial condition, although it suffered during the depression, but in McComb the depression is a matter of history. Prosperity has returned and McComb is recognized as one of the growing, thriving, promising cities in the commonwealth.

The City Council consists of Mayor Xavier A. Kramer and Councilmen W. O. Rutledge and W. R. Watkins. E. J. Triche is city clerk. Other city officials are: J. W. W. Connely, water works engineer; D. A. Brumfield, chief of police; C. S. Richardson, plumbing inspector; Sam Bellipanni, chief of fire department; T. M. Stewart, tax assessor; K. G. Price and W. G. McLain, city attorneys; D. L. Blackwelder, superintendent of schools; Mrs. Joe Lilly, librarian; R. B. (Breezey) Reeves, police justice.

## CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH—McComb

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rector of the B. T. U.; Mrs. Hewlette Parker is president of the W. M. U.; Mrs. Hallie Kendall is treasurer of the church, and J. A. Hunt is clerk. The church has the Baptist Record in the budget. Central Baptist has services every Sunday and owns a nice, large parsonage. Central Church has licensed and ordained four ministers: Rev. P. E. Cullom, now chaplain of a C. C. C. Camp in Tennessee; Rev. Chas. Daniels, now pastor at Silver Creek, Miss.; Rev. J. B. Hunt, pastor at Osyka, Miss.; and Rev. Robert Hughes, pastor of the Navilla Church and a student at Mississippi College. Pastors who have served the church are:

Rev. J. H. Lane, Sept. 21, 1921 to May 30, 1926; Rev. B. Locke Davis, May 30, 1926 to Dec. 27, 1927; Rev. H. L. Carter, Dec. 27, 1927 to Dec. 27, 1931; Rev. R. L. Smith, Jan. 4, 1932 to Jan. 8, 1937; Rev. Fred B. Bookter, May 15, 1937, pastor at present.

The church membership is growing very rapidly. There were 100 new members received into the church during 1937. Five new deacons were ordained to the church on Thursday, February 10, 1938. The present deacons are: J. J. Haley, Jim Parnell, John McFadden, J. A. Goza, W. B. Smith, W. M. Robertson, Drew Wall, Ellis Kendall, J. A. Hunt, Hallie Kendall, Jerome Williams, George H. Williams, M. L. Foster, Lawrence Hunt and J. L. Johnston.

The church is now preparing to erect a three story brick educational building. This building will meet the needs of the church for many years to come.



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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## State W. M. U. Convention, April 5-7, New Albany, Miss.

The following write-up was sent to me by request. I am printing it for the purpose of helping some other group to make this study.

### RURAL LIFE IN THE SOUTH

(As outlined and studied by the Rosedale W. M. U. during the month of January, 1938.)

Rural Life in the South, the subject of the first quarter Mission Study, was a most interesting and enlightening study, dealing as it did with a subject so pertinent to our every-day life in this rural section. The course was taught from an original outline which followed the general major points suggested in the outline given by State Mission Study leader. Material used for the course came from many sources, including magazine articles, newspapers, pamphlets and bulletins from federal and state governments, material from W.P.A. and high school libraries, and from the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. From three very helpful texts much valuable information was secured. These texts were: *Rebuilding Rural America* by Mark A. Dawbar; *By the Waters of Bethesda*, by J. M. Ormond; and *Human Geography of the South* by Vance. At the close of this article there will be found a list of some of the best references which were used in this study.

The course was in three major divisions. The first part of the study was devoted to a brief review of the history of the South in regard to the rural life just prior to, during, and since the Civil War. In the second division, a study was made of present rural conditions of the Southland. The last and most important phase of the study was that of the place of the church in rural life.

While the course was planned so that all classes of rural people of the Southland would receive their share of consideration and the membership of the Union would become acquainted with the problems as they exist throughout the South, the major portion of the time was spent in consideration of the problem that faces the Delta section, that of farm tenancy.

As the course was taught from an original plan, it was necessary for the local Mission Study leader to do a great amount of reading and reference work before making an outline for the course. It was of great importance that a list of references be made available to those to whom assignments were made. These assignments were made as early as possible and were written out so that no misunderstanding would occur. Thus a tentative outline was carefully made to include reports on all available material, but the outline was made subject to changes which might be wisely made as the study progressed. The fact is that as the outline was developed, the members of the class became so interested and had so much to contribute that it seemed advisable to convert the study hours into a roundtable discussion with some person or persons designated to lead the discussion.

At the first meeting on Monday afternoon, January 17, the leader introduced the topic, *Rural Life in the South*, by presenting maps showing the area, population, percentage of rural population, of negroes, of illiteracy, of wealth, etc. She discussed briefly the geographical features of the Southland, the vast resources of the various sections, and mentioned the possibilities for development. The closing remarks of her discussion prepared the class for the first step in the outline, *The South Takes a Backward*

Look, a report which was ably given by one of the members. In this phase of the discussion, it was pointed that the unrest of the reconstruction days was the beginning of the "labor" problem as it exists in the rural South today.

Continuing in the development of the outline, a study was made of *The Changing Rural South*. Causes for the changes were listed and the most important ones were discussed. It was agreed that the vast strides that have been made in recent years, the great public highway systems, the invaluable consolidated school systems, new industries, and business enterprises, that all of progress made in recent years, progress of which we are so justly proud, has been made at the expense of the rural community life. It was shown that the influence of the home in which lives are built and characters molded, had lost some of its power as a direct effect of the better means of communication and transportation, of modern inventions, etc. It was further shown that removing the school from the rural community took away the greatest center of interest and weakened community life. Finally, it was agreed that community life is breaking up because so many features of it have been replaced by modern methods, etc., and that nothing has been given the community to take the place of the old time neighborliness, and spirit of common interest.

After a discussion of the general causes and results of the Changing Rural South, we launched into a study of the classes affected by the changing conditions. The major portion of the first afternoon's study was spent in consideration of the problem nearest our hearts, that of the white and negro tenant and sharecropper. Time does not permit us to make a detailed report of this very interesting phase of the study. It will suffice to state that alarming statistics were given as to the condition of these underprivileged, unchurched, unChristian people who live in our midst. Members of the class made interesting reports on the situation as it exists, and of attempts that are being made to improve the conditions and some of the evils of farm tenancy.

The second meeting of the Mission Study group was held on Monday afternoon, January 24. It was a continuation of the discussion of the classes affected by a changing rural condition. Various members ably discussed the existing conditions among the Southern highlanders, the miners, the American Indians, Mexicans, Chinese, and the great migratory group. Attention was called to the fact that among all these classes of people there was the childhood and youth who were so sorely neglected, who, according to one writer, have never heard the name of Jesus Christ except in blasphemy. Ever and anon, the discussion returned to the great problem which lies at our very door, here in the Mississippi Delta, that of Christianizing the rural youth.

At the third and last meeting on Monday afternoon, January 31, the entire period was devoted to a discussion of the church. Throughout the whole course, and in connection with every class, the spiritual needs of the people had been discussed. But on the last afternoon of the study, the plans and aims of the course were to culminate in a practical application of the information which had been garnered during the month of study. After listing the major weak-

nesses of the church as it exists today in relation to the rural life, the leader turned to the tasks which confront the churches of today. It was agreed that the greatest weakness and therefore, the chief task of the church in regard to its obligation to the rural sections is the lack of a definite rural policy. The church must assume responsibility and accept leadership in reviving the spiritual life in rural churches. This must be done by adopting a definite policy and providing trained rural pastors and workers for this particular field.

The culmination of the study was to be a very practical application brought close to our door in the questions: "What can we as a local W. M. U. do for the cause of Christ, about the rural conditions which surround us, the Home Mission field which lies at our very door, white unto the harvest, ready for the hand of the reaper, who is the church, Christ's representative body here on earth?" After two hours' of animated discussion during which several very workable plans were presented and discussed, it was recommended that the president of the W. M. U. appoint a committee to study the various plans and to decide upon the best method of approach to this very vital missionary problem. The result was that a committee of three members of the Union met with the pastor and decided to center all activities in one definite rural locality within a few miles of our little city, to work on the reviving of a rural church which was, at one time, a very active Baptist church but which, as a result of the shifting population, so characteristic of the Delta rural life, has ceased to function. It was unanimously agreed that here was an ideal location to begin doing the will of the Master who said, "Go ye into all the world."

### CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR

(Continued from page 6)

This rebuilding project was made possible by the sale of a portion of the large church lot to the Gulf Refining Company in 1928 for \$10,000. A heavy paving debt hung over the little congregation (there were only about seventy-five communicants). With the balance of the money received from the oil company the debt was paid, and the church put in excellent repair. Mr. B. V. Slader of McComb was the architect and builder.

In 1932 Mr. Maxted was transferred to Pascagoula, and the Rev. John Beean was again appointed. In 1936 Mr. Beean retired, and the Rev. J. Ord Cresap of Canton succeeded him. In 1936 a new brick-veneer rectory was built to match the church. This was made possible by donations of \$1,000 from the diocesan trustees, and \$600 from the American Church Building Fund Commission. The congregation and public-spirited citizens of McComb contributed \$1,500. With these sums, and the material from the old rectory, a very beautiful six room cottage was erected, free of debt, as a residence for the minister.

The Rev. J. Ord Cresap, present rector, is a descendant of Colonel Thomas Cresap, English immigrant (1694-1790), the Maryland pioneer, patriot, and pathfinder.

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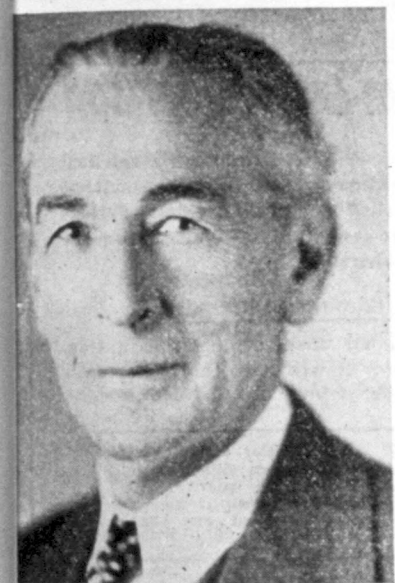
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REV. A. S. OLIVER, Pastor

The late J. T. Abney was sent to  
Summit as pastor in 1907. In Janu-  
ary 1908 he stuck his umbrella in  
the ground on the southeast corner  
of Pearl River Avenue and Live Oak  
Street, present location of the  
church. On this umbrella he hung  
his hat and preached to a group  
of people standing in the open air,  
and organized a church with a mem-  
bership of thirty.

In the month of June of the  
same year the membership worshiped  
in a new frame church that had  
been erected by these faithful char-

ter members at a cost of about  
three thousand dollars. The work  
was named Summit and East Mc-  
Comb and the following pastors ap-  
pointed: 1910, C. N. Guice; 1911, C.  
M. Chatman; 1912, B. W. Lewis;  
1914, W. N. Thomas.

At the conference held in Vicks-  
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pointed pastor, and the work be-  
came known as South and East Mc-  
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Terry was appointed.

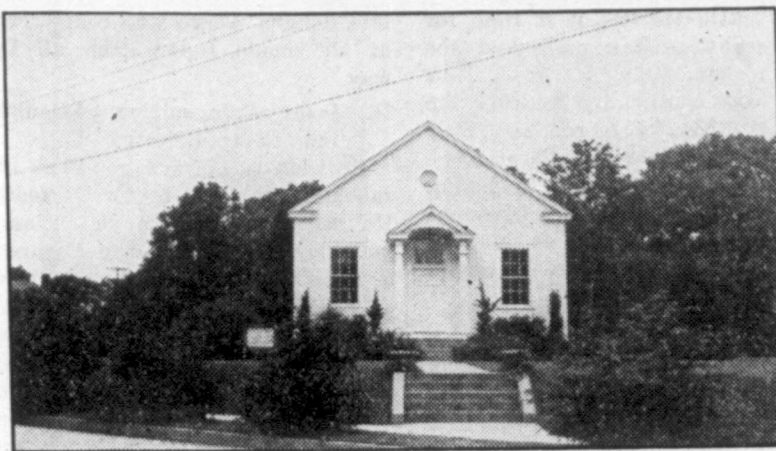
In 1921 East McComb church was  
changed to Pearl River Ave. and  
J. A. Wells appointed. The mem-  
bership at this time had increased  
to 148. It was during the adminis-  
tration of J. A. Wells that the pres-  
ent parsonage was purchased.

In 1926 J. F. Campbell was ap-  
pointed pastor. During his admin-  
istration the frame building was  
replaced by the present two story  
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thereon.

Rev. H. C. Brown was the next  
pastor and he was followed by Rev.  
L. E. Alford in 1904 who made  
plans for a more central location.  
The new location was on La Branch  
Street which also became the name  
of the church.

Rev. Mr. Alford was succeeded by  
the following pastors: W. W. Sim-  
mons, Geo. D. Anders, D. Scarbor-  
ough, J. W. Cooper, J. C. Ellis, J.  
B. Ormand, A. B. Barry, R. E.  
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## Sunday School Lesson

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### Lesson for Sunday, March 6 OUR LORD DOING THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

Lesson Text: Mark 6:1-13

Here we have Mark's relation of the third Galilean preaching tour of our Lord, which began with His revisiting Nazareth, where He grew up, and where He was again and now finally rejected.

Our lesson for today follows the one on the healing of the Gadarene demoniac. This makes a skip of 26 very meaningful verses of Mark, and the skip is made very much to my regret. I want us to read the verses in the fifth chapter, from 18 to 43. These verses tell that Jesus passed over the lake from Gadara to Capernaum and that, immediately upon landing was besought by the ruler of the synagogue to come to the ruler's house and heal his little daughter, who was very sick. Our Lord gave heed to the ruler's prayer and started toward his house. As the throng of people pressed around Him, a woman, poor and weak from loss of blood and sick of a disease which wasted her blood continually thrust herself into the press of the multitude which thronged Him, knowing in her desperate assurance of faith that if she could touch but Jesus' clothes, she would be healed of her weakening disease. She may have had to reach between two other people in order to touch our Lord's outer garment, but on the instant that she did touch Him, she was healed. He made her confess before them all that she had believed He could heal her, and He had her testify that He had healed her, and then the great pitiful heart of our Saviour spoke through the gracious lips which uttered the most comforting words the poor woman had heard in all her unhappy life, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee well; withdraw into peace, and be whole from thy plague." (Rotherham, The Emphasized Bible.)

A messenger from the house of Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, came with the news that the little daughter of Jairus had died, saying, "Thy daughter died! Why further annoy the Teacher?" (Rotherham) Jesus overheard what was said to Jairus, and bade him be not afraid, but to be believing. And taking with Him Peter and James and John, Jesus went on to the house of Jairus, where a great commotion was being made by the professional mourners. When Jesus told these noise-makers that the little damsel was not indeed dead, but only sleeping, they derided Him. But He, going into the house with His three disciples, and taking along with them the parents of the child, went into the room where her body was growing rigid in the grip of death, took her by the hand and

said, "Little Maiden, it is time for thee to be getting up." And the maiden immediately arose. Thus Jesus was continually meeting the need of those who realized their extremity and had faith in Him.

This brings us to the beginning of the sixth chapter, and the text of today's lesson. Let us look at Jesus, let us take time to behold Him.

#### I. Jesus Revisiting.

He left Capernaum and came back to Nazareth, the home of His childhood and youth and manhood, up until the day when he went away to John the Baptist that He might fulfill all righteousness in receiving baptism at the hands of John. In Luke 4:16-29, we have an account of His first return to His home town, and of His rejection there. The neighbors of his boyhood home became enraged at Him, and made a movement to kill Him. Jesus went away from home to teach and heal, and now after a long while He came back. Can you not see in this action how fathomless the depth of His great love? He undoubtedly loved His old home, and he yearned over them, having a desire to bring to His old home town and old home folk the choicest of His blessings. He had been away. He supposed they had heard of the works of grace which His hands had worked and the words of grace His lips had spoken. Now He would return to them that they might have a chance to accept Him, that He might enlighten them and save them. He is very patient and long-suffering, "Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." His disciples went with Him as He went back to Nazareth. Of course they did. There was nowhere else for them to go. His go with Him, wherever He leads them. Sometimes He leads them where they would not wish to go, but because they are His they go, and find a greater joy in going with Him than they could possibly find anywhere else in the world without Him. His had left all to follow Him, and now they followed Him, even

into danger. Those who follow Him at all should follow Him all the way.

#### II. Jesus Antagonizing, Astonishing, Being Rejected.

He went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, and began to teach. He had left Nazareth an ordinary individual: He returned to Nazareth a famous teacher, leading a band of devoted students, and following reports of wonders which He had elsewhere wrought. Now the people of His home town came out to hear Him, but they came to Him with skeptical eyes and ears and hearts. They knew Him, and He was to them an ordinary man, member of an honored craft, to be sure. He was a carpenter, and there was no disgrace in being a carpenter, but they knew Jesus had never been to school in Jerusalem where, alone in all the earth, the citizens of Nazareth thought a man must have studied if he had become a teacher of the religion of their fathers. "Where did He get it?" And the question was asked with an air of

incredulity and a lack of faith that He could be in any wise remarkable, even though He may have taught never so wisely, and have wrought never so well.

So the people of Nazareth gave their own account of Him. He was the carpenter, nothing more, and they knew all His people, His mother, His younger brothers, all four of them, and His sisters. He was only, so they thought, an ordinary man out of an ordinary family. Because they would not accept the true and sensible avouch of their own eyes and ears, they turned from all that the day of offered peace would have brought to them. So is it ever with people who

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To feature Vacation Bible schools in all March associational meetings. Begin planning now for schools in order to have best results.

April is Sunday school training course month for the spring. Let's make it count mightily for better trained workers.

### Ellisville Clinic

Pastor Otho A. Eure of Ellisville, says this regarding a recent class officers' clinic in his church: "We had a fine class officers' clinic on Tuesday night, February 1. One of the organized classes from the First Church, Laurel, (the one Mrs. Gates teaches), brought their officers and gave us a demonstration class officers' meeting. What they did was to actually bring their own class reports in this meeting by their officers which made the demonstration a clinic in fact. Our officers were very much impressed.

After the demonstration discussion groups were held according to officers, and these were very helpful and stimulating.

The meeting was very successful and satisfactory in every respect. We had about sixty present from our seven classes in the Young People's and Adult departments."

Associational Superintendent L. F. Haire of Calhoun City recently had a meeting and completed their associational organization. In writing us he made this statement: "Our goal this year is to have a Sunday school in each of our thirty-seven churches, and also a study course in each of them. I believe the study course will help in enlisting the un-

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZERENE



REV. E. J. MILLER  
PASTOR

The McComb Church of the Nazarene was organized in 1922 after a revival conducted by Rev. C. E. Toney with twenty-seven charter members. Since that time the church has grown with a present membership of sixty-nine, a Sunday school enrollment of eighty-nine, with an average attendance last year of around seventy, a Nazarene young people's society of around twenty-five, a Woman's Missionary Society that is very active in its work and a Men's Missionary Society interested in pushing forward the work of the local church.

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The present pastor, Rev. E. J. Miller, came to the church from Houston, Texas, in November of the past year.

enlisted in our present Sunday schools."

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### "The Call To Every Christian"

A Program for Missionary Day in Sunday School, Sunday, March 27

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DR. OTTO PORTER, Pastor  
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Pastors who have served the church are Rev. John W. Holliday, Rev. S. W. Noles, Rev. V. L. Clark, Rev. N. H. Rhodes, Rev. J. D. Courtness, Rev. T. H. Spense, and Rev. F. L. Cook.

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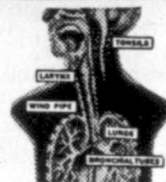
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## Sunday School Lesson

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### Lesson for Sunday, March 6 OUR LORD DOING THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

Lesson Text: Mark 6:1-13

Here we have Mark's relation of the third Galilean preaching tour of our Lord, which began with His revisiting Nazareth, where He grew up, and where He was again and now finally rejected.

Our lesson for today follows the one on the healing of the Gadarene demoniac. This makes a skip of 26 very meaningful verses of Mark, and the skip is made very much to my regret. I want us to read the verses in the fifth chapter, from 18 to 43. These verses tell that Jesus passed over the lake from Gadara to Capernaum and that, immediately upon landing was besought by the ruler of the synagogue to come to the ruler's house and heal his little daughter, who was very sick. Our Lord gave heed to the ruler's prayer and started toward his house. As the throng of people pressed around Him, a woman, poor and weak from loss of blood and sick of a disease which wasted her blood continually thrust herself into the press of the multitude which thronged Him, knowing in her desperate assurance of faith that if she could touch but Jesus' clothes, she would be healed of her weakening disease. She may have had to reach between two other people in order to touch our Lord's outer garment, but on the instant that she did touch Him, she was healed. He made her confess before them all that she had believed He could heal her, and He had her testify that He had healed her, and then the great pitiful heart of our Saviour spoke through the gracious lips which uttered the most comforting words the poor woman had heard in all her unhappy life, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee well; withdraw into peace, and be whole from thy plague." (Rotherham, The Emphasized Bible.)

A messenger from the house of Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, came with the news that the little daughter of Jairus had died, saying, "Thy daughter died! Why further annoy the Teacher?" (Rotherham!) Jesus overheard what was said to Jairus, and bade him be not afraid, but to be believing. And taking with Him Peter and James and John, Jesus went on to the house of Jairus, where a great commotion was being made by the professional mourners. When Jesus told these noise-makers that the little damsel was not indeed dead, but only sleeping, they derided Him. But He, going into the house with His three disciples, and taking along with them the parents of the child, went into the room where her body was growing rigid in the grip of death, took her by the hand and

said, "Little Maiden, it is time for thee to be getting up." And the maiden immediately arose. Thus Jesus was continually meeting the need of those who realized their extremity and had faith in Him.

This brings us to the beginning of the sixth chapter, and the text of today's lesson. Let us look at Jesus, let us take time to behold Him.

#### I. Jesus Revisiting.

He left Capernaum and came back to Nazareth, the home of His childhood and youth and manhood, up until the day when he went away to John the Baptist that He might fulfill all righteousness in receiving baptism at the hands of John. In Luke 4:16-29, we have an account of His first return to His home town, and of His rejection there. The neighbors of his boyhood home became enraged at Him, and made a movement to kill Him. Jesus went away from home to teach and heal, and now after a long while He came back. Can you not see in this action how fathomless the depth of His great love? He undoubtedly loved His old home, and he yearned over them, having a desire to bring to His old home town and old home folk the choicest of His blessings. He had been away. He supposed they had heard of the works of grace which His hands had worked and the words of grace His lips had spoken. Now He would return to them that they might have a chance to accept Him, that He might enlighten them and save them. He is very patient and long-suffering, "Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." His disciples went with Him as He went back to Nazareth. Of course they did. There was nowhere else for them to go. His go with Him, wherever He leads them. Sometimes He leads them where they would not wish to go, but because they are His they go, and find a greater joy in going with Him than they could possibly find anywhere else in the world without Him. His had left all to follow Him, and now they followed Him, even

into danger. Those who follow Him at all should follow Him all the way.

#### II. Jesus Antagonizing, Astonishing, Being Rejected.

He went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, and began to teach. He had left Nazareth an ordinary individual: He returned to Nazareth a famous teacher, leading a band of devoted students, and following reports of wonders which He had elsewhere wrought. Now the people of His home town came out to hear Him, but they came to Him with skeptical eyes and ears and hearts. They knew Him, and He was to them an ordinary man, member of an honored craft, to be sure. He was a carpenter, and there was no disgrace in being a carpenter, but they knew Jesus had never been to school in Jerusalem where, alone in all the earth, the citizens of Nazareth thought a man must have studied if he had become a teacher of the religion of their fathers. "Where did He get it?" And the question was asked with an air of

incredulity and a lack of faith that He could be in any wise remarkable, even though He may have taught never so wisely, and have wrought never so well.

So the people of Nazareth gave their own account of Him. He was the carpenter, nothing more, and they knew all His people, His mother, His younger brothers, all four of them, and His sisters. He was only, so they thought, an ordinary man out of an ordinary family. Because they would not accept the true and sensible avouch of their own eyes and ears, they turned from all that the day of offered peace would have brought to them. So is it ever with people who

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### Remember

March is Missionary Month in the Sunday schools, with special program and offering for Home and Foreign Missions the last Sunday in the month.

To feature Vacation Bible schools in all March associational meetings. Begin planning now for schools in order to have best results.

April is Sunday school training course month for the spring. Let's make it count mightily for better trained workers.

### Ellisville Clinic

Pastor Otho A. Eure of Ellisville, says this regarding a recent class officers' clinic in his church: "We had a fine class officers' clinic on Tuesday night, February 1. One of the organized classes from the First Church, Laurel, (the one Mrs. Gates teaches), brought their officers and gave us a demonstration class officers' meeting. What they did was to actually bring their own class reports in this meeting by their officers which made the demonstration a clinic in fact. Our officers were very much impressed.

After the demonstration discussion groups were held according to officers, and these were very helpful and stimulating.

The meeting was very successful and satisfactory in every respect. We had about sixty present from our seven classes in the Young People's and Adult departments."

Associational Superintendent L. F. Haire of Calhoun City recently had a meeting and completed their associational organization. In writing us he made this statement: "Our goal this year is to have a Sunday school in each of our thirty-seven churches, and also a study course in each of them. I believe the study course will help in enlisting the un-

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZERENE



REV. E. J. MILLER  
PASTOR

The McComb Church of the Nazarene was organized in 1922 after a revival conducted by Rev. C. E. Toney with twenty-seven charter members. Since that time the church has grown with a present membership of sixty-nine, a Sunday school enrollment of eighty-nine, with an average attendance last year of around seventy, a Nazarene young people's society of around twenty-five, a Woman's Missionary Society that is very active in its work and a Men's Missionary Society interested in pushing forward the work of the local church.

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The present pastor, Rev. E. J. Miller, came to the church from Houston, Texas, in November of the past year.

enlisted in our present Sunday schools."

There is no doubt at all about that, and they have certainly set a most worthy goal for the year.

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A Program for Missionary Day in Sunday School, Sunday, March 27

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DR. OTTO PORTER, Pastor  
Centenary Methodist Church

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

The congregation known as the Assembly of God was organized in Sunday school enrollment is 125. Rev. F. L. Cook is pastor and Mrs. F. L. Cook assistant pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Cook moved to McComb from Tulsa, Okla.

The Ladies' Missionary Council is led by Mrs. F. L. Cook; Christ's Ambassadors (young people's organization), is led by Miss Mildred Hall.

Pastors who have served the church are Rev. John W. Holliway, Rev. S. W. Noles, Rev. V. L. Clark, Rev. N. H. Rhodes, Rev. J. D. Courtness, Rev. T. H. Spense, and Rev. F. L. Cook. McComb in 1929 by Mrs. Florence Travis, an evangelist. The church

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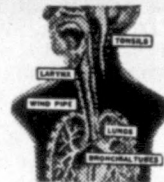
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## The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

[Send all communications to Mrs. Frances Lipsey Steele, Magee, Miss.]

My dear children:

Just look at all the good things we have for our page this week! A story based on a verse from Proverbs for our Bible study contributed by Fannie Mae Henley—a story written probably ninety years ago judging from the date of 1848 that appears near the beginning of it. And we thought we were being original and doing something that hadn't been done before! Surely "there is no new thing under the sun." We do appreciate Fannie Mae giving us this story from her great grandmother's booklet. She has already been sent the small copy of Proverbs. And I know you are going to enjoy this article by Mrs. John J. Lipsey on "Some Birds of the Rockies." She makes us actually see them. I wonder if when you finish reading it you will want to say as I did "Now, let's hear about the rest of the birds of the Rockies."

Besides these two features, we have several letters. Miss Mary Sterling is sending a birthday offering of one dollar. We are sure she is not a hundred years old but we hope she will be some day and remember the Children's Circle every time a year rolls around.

Anne Louise Duke sends her selection from Proverbs too. Often I have paused as I would come to that verse in reading the book, and have thought of the truth of it.

Dorothy Britt introduced the Junior girls of the Steen's Creek Sunday school to us by sending their offering to the Mrs. Julia T. Lipsey memorial. A fine introduction and we hope to know them better.

We have a kind appreciative letter from Mrs. W. M. Ezell. She asks us not to publish it but we do want to thank her for her gift of one dollar to the Mrs. Julia T. Lipsey memorial.

It is time for our financial statement again. You will find it at the close of our page. I am today sending a check to Mrs. Mize for \$6.40 to be used in the support of our orphanage and one to Dr. Hamilton for \$7.25 to apply on our scholarship for Miss Mixon. There was \$4.65 contributed in February for the Mrs. Julia T. Lipsey memorial. This with the \$11.85 contributed in January makes \$16.50 that we have on deposit for this purpose. Wouldn't you like for our scholarship and orphanage checks to be larger next month? Shall we try to make them so?

With love,  
Mrs. Frances Lipsey Steele.

### BIBLE STUDY

Proverbs 2:6—For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

"I wish you a happy New Year," said a little boy to his father, quite early in the morning, on the first day of January, 1848. This little boy loved his father very much, and had taken a good deal of pains to get up first, and be ready to greet him in this way when he came out of his room.

"Well, my son, you wish me a happy New Year, do you? I hope you will have a happy New Year too. What must you do to make this a happy year to you?" "I must be a good boy," said he. "Yes, John,

you must be a good boy, obedient, kind and pleasant. I hope you will ask God to help you. He knows what you will need, and he loves to help us when we pray to him. But, my son, if you really wish me a happy New Year, you must do all you can to make it so for me, must you not?"

After talking in this way a few minutes, John and his father sat down to read the Bible. They first turned to 2 Samuel, chapter 15 and read it over with care, and then passed on to the 18th chapter. "Now you see," said the father when they had read it all, "what a bad son Absalom was. He was the son of David, and David had often talked with him, as I am now talking with you, about being a good boy, but Absalom wanted to have his own way, and did not listen to what his good father said to him."

John and his father then turned to 1st Kings, chapter 2, read the first 12 verses, and then passed on to the third chapter and read from the fifth verse to the sixteenth. Then they read some parts of First Chronicles. "You see, son, this son of David's was very different from his brother. He was very anxious to know what he ought to do, so the first thing he did was to pray that God would make him wise. He felt he was too young to know all he needed to know and that no one could teach him so well as God. When God saw that Solomon was so anxious to know what was best, he was so pleased, that he made him the wisest of men and gave him great riches, honor, and long life. He said so many wise things that they were remembered and written down, and were finally put into the Bible as his Proverbs."

"Now, do you not think this was better than to try to be happy by doing wrong, and by never praying to be taught what is right—was not this taking the best way to be happy?"

"Warn me with thy gentle voice,  
Point my path, and guide my choice;  
Let me, Lord, in thee possess  
Wisdom, peace, and righteousness."

—Contributed by  
Fannie Mae Henley

### SOME BIRDS OF THE ROCKIES

By Mrs. John J. Lipsey

If you were flying in an airplane above Colorado, and if you could fly so high and see so far that you could look at the whole state at once, you would see near the middle a wavy line that ran from the top to the bottom of the state. All the country on the east of this wavy line would look light colored and smooth, for it would all be bare plains. All the country on the west would look dark and rough, for it would be the Rocky Mountains, which are covered with dark spruce and pine forests and high granite peaks and deep valleys called canyons.

Now at one point on this wavy line is my house, which is in the very last grove of pines where the mountains stop and the plains begin. This is the little house that Mrs. Lipsey visited every summer and where she wrote her Colorado letters to you. I am going to tell you about some of the birds that I see from my windows.

The birds that live in the Rocky Mountains are different from the birds here in Mississippi and different from the birds on the plains. In winter the mountain birds cannot get food because of the deep snow, so they come down to the edge of the mountains. I like to see them and I give them all the scraps of meat and bread I have so they will come often. My most frequent visitors are the western blue

jays. These are much bigger than the southern jays and are blue all over. Their heads and bodies are very dark blue and their wings are a brilliant blue with markings of deep blue forming a pattern. They have a long pointed topknot. When they want to frighten another bird, they lay back their topknots the way an angry mule does his ears, and look very fierce indeed. The blue jays come in gangs of ten or twenty. They are bold and noisy. They know they are so fine and handsome and important that nobody will hurt them. They scatter and perch in various high trees and when one sees something to eat, he squawks loudly and the whole crowd comes to join him. They are as good as a show, darting down to pick up a bit of bread, zig-zagging from tree to tree, quarreling among themselves but all uniting to fight off any other kind of bird.

The other day I watched the blue jay gang drive off a lone magpie. They closed in on the magpie with terrifying constant squawking until the magpie left. Then they hollered for some time more, whether to keep the magpie from coming back, or simply as a chant of victory, I don't know. The defeated magpie is as showy a bird as the jays. Its body is not much larger than a jay's but it has a tail as long as body and head together. Head, wings, and tail are pitch-black, while the breast is white, so that it reminds you of a gentleman in black tail coat and white vest.

The Camp robber is a bird that is a complete opposite to a jay in both looks and manners. A camp robber is a soft gray bird, half way between a pigeon and a robin in size. They come alone, or maybe in pairs, without making a sound. I suppose they have another name, but I have never heard it. It must have been the old time hunters and prospectors who named them. When these men went up into the mountains of course they did not have any houses, so they hung their food in trees, where the cold air would keep it fresh and where the animals could not reach it. But these birds would flit in and take what they wanted.

The blue jays are as sleek and shiny as a well-groomed horse, but the soft feathers of the camp robber, shading from light to dark gray, look in comparison like the coat of a shaggy old farm mule. In spite of their bad name and unbrushed appearance, I like these shy birds. They appear apparently from nowhere, perch silently and timidly a few seconds, take a scrap of food, and are seen no more.

Another mountain bird is the nut-hatch, which I used to call "the little upside down bird" before I heard its proper name. They are grey and as small as wrens. They eat the insects in the bark of trees. They will walk up a tree trunk, pecking here and there, then turn around and walk back, head downwards, as if it were just as easy to walk that way.

I sometime see different kinds of woodpeckers. Some have red heads, white collars, and black bodies. They take a firm stand against a tree trunk, using their strong tails as a brace, and peck long and hard. Another of the pecker family is the yellow hammer or yellow flicker. His body is a pattern of brown and gray and the under side of his wings is a light red, so there is nothing yellow about him but his name. Sometimes one of these birds will hammer a long time on a copper gutter, as if it were a band instrument he enjoyed playing. A yellow hammer prefers ants to any food I can give him. With a few thrusts of his bill he will sweep a small circle clean of pine straw. Then he sets to work diggin in the ground as industriously as a puppy digging a hole for a bone. Deeper and deeper he goes until he appears to be almost standing on his head with every blow of his bill. Toothsome ants and larvae are his reward.

One bird I have often seen in open places higher up in the moun-

tains, but never just in my own pine woods. I think it must shun the shade of trees. Maybe you know the fairy tale about the two children who went everywhere looking for the blue bird, which meant happiness. These tiny bright creatures—the blue bird—the color of the clearest sky blue, do really look like pure joy when one sees them on a bright summer morning. It is as if a bit of the very light and sky itself had become a bird.

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### CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH

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The Centenary Methodist Church located on Delaware Avenue, McComb, Miss., was organized in 1884. The church has enjoyed a steady growth through the years until now it has a membership of 1,000. The beautiful modern church building which the church now occupies was built in 1926 at a cost of \$150,000.00. Dr. J. L. Sells was pastor of the church at the time the building was erected.

Dr. Otto Porter is now serving is his fourth year as pastor of the church. The church has thirty-two stewards with Mr. J. A. Alford as chairman of the Board of Stewards.

The Sunday school with Mr. W. T. Denman as superintendent has an enrollment of 500. The young people's division with Miss Pauline King as director has an enrollment of 200. The Woman's Missionary Society with Mrs. Guy Norton, president, has an enrollment of 115. Mrs. E. L. Morrison is president of the Cecilian Circle which has a large enrollment.

The church is now doing splendid work in every department.

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Jackson, First Church	192
Jackson, Calvary Church	229
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	302
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	130
Jackson, Parkway Church	95
Jackson, Northside Church	57
Hattiesburg, Immanuel Church	87
Laurel, First Baptist Church	101
Laurel, West Laurel Church	154
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	81
Laurel, South Laurel Church	48
Brookhaven Church	182
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Newton Church	114
Indianola Church	125
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## Noxapater Training Union Sets High Standard

Last quarter proved to be a most excellent one for Baptist Training Union in the Noxapater church. For the month of November they had an average attendance in the unions of seventy-five, and the average staying for preaching was 75 or just 100%, meaning that for that month not a single person who attended the training union failed to stay for the preaching service. Their general averages run high, reaching 92% for one single Sunday. The B. A. U. was recognized as A-1 for the quarter and received the A-1 award from the Training Union Department of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. C. C. Weaver, pastor, and Mrs. H. L. Thompson, director, are justly proud of this fine record. We congratulate them most heartily.

## Riverside Associational B. T. U. In Action

In addition to the regular meetings in each quarter, executive, leadership and general, the Riverside Associational B. T. U. is promoting a thorough going program. Unions have been organized at Lambert and Crowder recently and the Lambert Union had twenty-two members to attend the last meeting of the associational meeting. They won the banner for attendance and were justly proud of it. Mrs. Dunn, director, is seeking to have every union in the association take a study course in March or April.

She personally is to teach a study course in the negro church in Clarksdale soon. An associational banquet, scheduled to be in Marks, will be in the interest of building an Associational Training Union Library. A good attendance from this association enjoyed the meeting in Meridian last week.

## The Meridian Conference

Rain on last Monday and Tuesday kept some of our associational officers away from the conference in Meridian last week, but even with that we had about forty associations well represented. The Meridian churches were gracious in their entertainment. The program ran high-tide on schedule time, closing at 12:30 Wednesday noon with a splendid address from Mr. J. E. Lambdin, Southwide Training Union secretary, on "Reaching the Lost Church." The emphasis all the way through the conference, in sectional conferences as well as in the general conference, was on organization of unions in every church and thus giving the church members an opportunity for development through practical activities. Out of the state speakers and conference leaders were J. E. Lambdin, W. A. Harrell, C. A. Hearn, Dr. Clay I. Hudson, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, all of Nashville; Mrs. Hattie Potts Rogers, Knoxville, Tenn. Speakers, singers and conference leaders from Mississippi were Jack Perkins, Newton; C. O. Estes, Morton; S. J. Rhodes, Osyka; W. J. Work, Brookhaven; Miss Crone and Hillman College Quartet, Clinton; Mrs. Floyd Collins and Mrs. Moore, Meridian; R. D. Pearson, Macon; Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson; D. A. McCall, Philadelphia; L. W. Ferrell, Jackson; Hugh Brimm, Clinton; Auber J. Wilds and Lucy Carleton Wilds of Oxford. Surely this will be the greatest year in Baptist Training Union work thus far experienced. Our goal is a director for every church with as many unions as are needed to provide special training for every church member. Join us



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## Griffith Memorial Banquets Jackson B. A. U. Members

On Monday night, February 21, in the spacious banquet room of Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, two hundred and twenty-five members of B. A. U.'s from the churches in Jackson gathered to enjoy a splendid banquet that the Griffith church under the leadership of Pastor Ferrell and Director Mrs. Williams, had arranged. Among other decorations that made the room most attractive was a low swung ceiling of blue, dotted with silver stars, and swung from the ceiling were airplanes here and there. The banquet was a "Sky High" banquet, suggesting the possibility of higher climbing in B. A. U. work. Directors from the different churches were presented who in turn presented their pastor and church group. Each pastor had a word of encouragement for the Sky High trip. An "unlaxing" musical program in which all participated added joy to the occasion. Two speakers, Mr. Auber J. Wilds, State Training Union secretary, and Dr. Clay I. Hudson, Southwide associate Training Union secretary of Nashville, Tenn., spoke on "The Take Off," "Climbing and Soaring." The committee serving with Mrs. Williams deserve commendation for the splendid success of the occasion. It was indeed a rich feast for all present and B. A. U. stock went up to a high point.

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## BROTHERHOOD ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 27

Laurel, First Church.....	45
Laurel, West Laurel Church.....	33
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church.....	18
Laurel, South Laurel Church.....	12
Summerland Church.....	7

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## McCOMB'S MAYOR

X. A. KRAMER, Mayor  
McComb, Miss.

Xavier A. Kramer has more diplomas than any other man in Mississippi. At least he makes a fair bid to this claim.

Not having the price of a college education he tried correspondence schools. He tried to become a civil engineer and got a diploma. He tried to become a mechanical engineer so he got a diploma. This was the routine for mechanical engineering and other studies.

Xavier Kramer was born in Magnolia, Miss. He attended St. Mary of the Pines, an academy for girls. He was the only boy in the school. His father was a widower and this is why he prevailed upon the Sisters of Mercy to aid him in the instruction and training of his son. When he was about twelve years of age he was out on his own.

He started in the plumbing business in Magnolia. He painted houses. He operated the first electrical light plant in the city and installed bath tubs. He served his trade as a painter, a plumber, an electrician, and worked at many other trades. Then it was that he decided that he would go after training via the correspondence school route.

Shortly after young manhood Xavier Kramer established a firm for the planning of buildings. He employed a corps of competent architects. He first erected buildings

throughout the Southland. Then he became a contractor and built school houses, court houses, city halls, highways and light plants over the Southland.

When the highway department was established he became the first engineer. He is the father of good roads in this state. Then he settled down to private business in a big way. He purchased the McColgan interests of McComb. This purchase included large real estate buildings, a hotel, a restaurant, an ice plant and a number of other business institutions.

Under his direction these businesses expanded. He branched out to Magnolia and Hammond. He became interested in the strawberry business. He bought the largest farm in Pike County. He founded a creamery and cheese plant. He contracted with the Illinois Central Railroad Company for icing the vegetables and berries. His plant chilled over six thousand cars annually within a short time after he entered the ice business.

Mr. Kramer was drafted for the office of mayor. Thrice he has been elected. He is interested in politics, insurance, cotton, dairying, merchandise, timber and a score of other commodities. He located in McComb one of the largest federal cotton warehouses of south Mississippi. He for a while operated a saw mill and is now engaged in several manufacturing ventures.

Xavier Kramer is personally a very likeable fellow. He is dynamic and capable. He thinks quickly and has force of personality. Chief characteristic is his adoration of his friends. He does not like to be alone. He prefers to have a crowd about him, and prefers that the crowd be about the huge open fireside in his rustic lodge above the waters of the Tangipahoa.

According to Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Baptist Bible Institute, \$10,606.78 was spent during the past year for repairs and improvements to the Institute. The Board of Trustees in their annual meeting voted that an additional \$10,000.00 will be spent next year along the same lines. Most of the work during the past year was done by students of the Institute as a means of defraying school expenses.



REV. R. R. JONES, Pastor

## B. B. I.

Four thousand four hundred forty-four students have been enrolled in the history of the Baptist Bible Institute, exclusive of the present year, according to an annual report made to the Board of Trustees by Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Institute, on February 16. Of this number, 633 have graduated, including thirty-one doctors of theology, 127 in theology, and 247 in Christian training.

These graduates are serving in many foreign countries including Africa, Alaska, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, France, Hungary, India, the Philippines; among foreigners in various cities and states within our own borders; and in many capacities in our churches and denominational work.

"The Baptist Bible Institute should set for its goal in the next five years the securing of at least one million dollars in endowment," said Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president, in his report to the Board of Trustees in their annual meeting.

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The trustees in annual session unanimously approved the recommendation of their special committee that the Baptist Bible Institute plan for and inaugurate in 1939 a Summer School. Details will be worked out as to courses offered, and full information given in due time. Dr. Hamilton, president, said, "Many enquiries come each year concerning summer sessions, a number of married students remain here during the summer, and many single students work on the buildings during vacation. We believe that particularly in New Orleans such a school can be a decided success."

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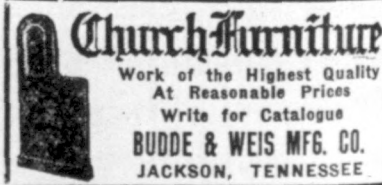
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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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harden their hearts against Him and will not believe.

## III. Jesus Explaining.

"There is no Prophet without honor except in his own country, and among his own relatives, and in his own house" (Weymouth). Our Lord states a fact in human experience, presenting a general truth of which the treatment of Jesus in the present instance was an example. A stranger sees the public and spiritual acts of a prophet, and recognizes his heavenly character; but neighbors and acquaintances fix their thoughts upon his earthly relationships, to the partial or total exclusion of his higher excellencies. Jesus thus excused their treatment of Him as a common thing, and as something that might be expected under the circumstances.

"Some exceptions there may be to this rule; doubtless many have got over this prejudice, but ordinarily it holds good, that ministers are seldom so acceptable in their own country as among strangers." (Matthew Henry.) "Familiarity breeds contempt." "Distance lends enchantment to the view." "The advancement of one that was an inferior leads to prejudgment of his acquaintances against him, and envy of his advancement." Men will hardly set those among the guides of their souls whose fathers they were ready to set with the dogs that guarded their flocks.

## IV. Jesus Failing.

What do you mean, "Jesus failing"? Did not Isaiah say in the Spirit, "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His law"? Yes, Isaiah 42:4 says that, and among the great sermons to which I have been privileged to listen was one on that text preached by Dr. Cox of Gloster, but here is a case where Jesus failed. His failure was chargeable to the unbelief of the people. Of course, it was really they who failed, but their failure to recognize the day of their visitation limited His ability to help them. The people were under the spell of their envious and prejudiced leaders, and because they were, He was hindered in His gracious work. Unbelief and contempt for Christ hindered the flow of divine blessings at Nazareth, and they will do so till this day. Faith is the hand that reaches out and receives blessings from the Lord, but if that hand is not reached out, even God can not give the blessing.

Our Lord "Wondered at their unbelief." (Ferrar Fenton.) Is it any wonder? His wisdom and power gave clear evidence of His Sonship and Messiahship; but they would not believe, in spite of the reasons they had to believe. Such wilful unbelief is amazing, such wilful blindness in the blaze of the noonday sun is provocative of wonder.

## V. Jesus Teaching.

"So He went among the neighboring villages teaching" (Montgomery). He did not cease His ministry. To fail at Nazareth was not to fail utterly. If the men of one town or city will not hear the mes-

sage of God, those of another will do so. If the door of one house is slammed in the preacher's face, he may find a warm welcome in the very next one. Our Lord kept right at His glorious task—teaching the Word, and when there was no hearing in one place, He forthwith went to another.

## VI. Jesus Sending Two by Two.

He called His disciples to Him and began to send them forth, and this made them apostles. They were apostles because they were sent ones. They had been chosen apostles before, their being sent forth made them apostles in fact. He sent them together in pairs that they might encourage each other, another proof of His grace and love. Two by two they made lawful witnesses.

## VII. Jesus Endowing.

"He gave them power over the unclean spirits" (Moffatt). The word translated "power" here and in King James is translated "authority" in both the English revised and the American Revised, and the translators of these versions were undoubtedly right, but the word does, of course, imply the idea of "power." "He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases" (Luke 9:1). Here Luke expresses both ideas. Our Lord endowed His apostles with the richest endowment ever bestowed upon anybody in the world.

## VIII. Jesus Instructing. Vv. 8-11.

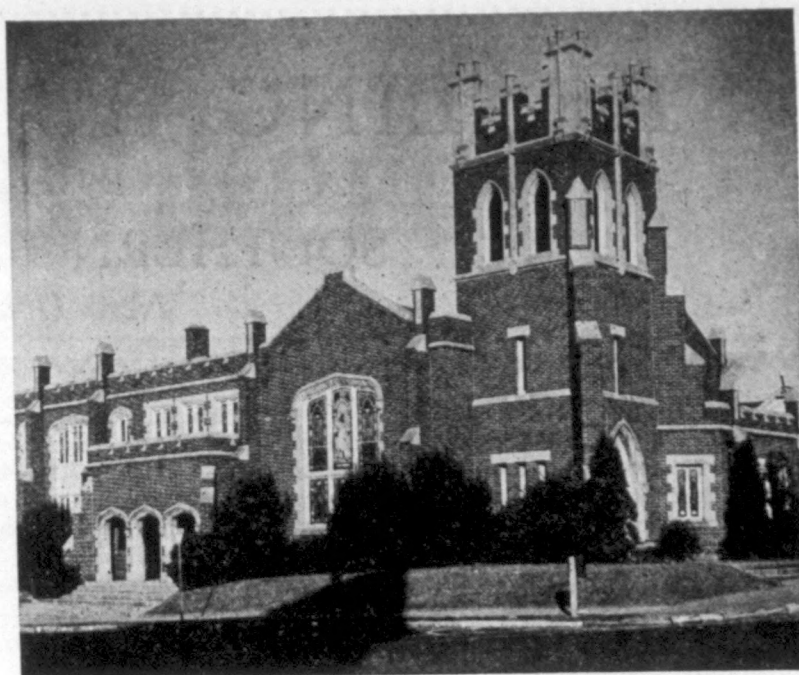
They were to depend absolutely and wholly upon Him. As He Himself was the true servant of Jehovah, depending absolutely upon Him, so the apostles were to be the servants of their Master, depending solely upon Him. He wanted the apostles to learn that they might lean altogether upon Him. So they were instructed as to what they were to wear and how they were to seek and find entertainment, also what course they were to pursue when they were rejected anywhere. Their Lord was here asserting His right to command His own absolutely, as well as His ability to care for His own absolutely.

## IX. Jesus In the Apostles Preaching, Exorcising, Healing.

"They . . . preached that men should repent." The apostles entered upon their mission without hesitation or questioning. The burden of their message was repentance. They preached that repentance was a duty. They knew nothing of repentance being a matter to be left to the whim and caprice of unsaved men. "He commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent" (Acts 17:30). That was the burden of the message of John the Baptist and of the Lord Jesus (Mark 1:15).

The Lord wrought with them in the casting out of demons. He sent them to preach repentance, and He gave them as the seal of their genuineness as His apostles authority over demons to exorcise them from their victims.

"Many invalids they anointed with oil and cured" (Weymouth). The anointing with oil was a symbolic act, of course, and had nothing to do with the healing. That was wholly the work of the Lord performed through the apostles. From the work of the twelve we see how



J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, McCOMB

the work of our Lord was extended them as was to be extended through the missionary work of His missionaries down through all the ages. Opposition from the self-appointed religious leaders of the people evoked this more powerful and more widely spread ministry of the first missionaries.

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## ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH McComb, Miss.

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According to tradition Patrick Geary who died a few years ago was the first Catholic to come to McComb.

For years services were held in private homes but in 1875 General West donated a lot on which St. Alphonsus church and the priest's house are now located. The first church was built in 1876, the priest being Father Firlie and the contractor, P. C. Carey. Pastors succeeding Father Firlie were: Fathers Neithart, Klaphake, Finn, Lennon, Dermoly, Downing, Igoo, and Mulvihill.

A parochial school was established in 1877. Lack of funds and teachers caused it to close. It was re-established in 1901 during the pastorate of Father Lennon.

During Rev. Igoo's term of office the convent and school were remodeled, the old church became a parish hall and a new church

erected (1922). The new building cost \$40,000.

In December, 1933, Rev. J. McNarma, the present incumbent, then rector of the Cathedral, Natchez, was appointed to McComb. In 1934 he led in the removal of the old rectory and erection of a new one.

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# HEALING HUMANITY'S HURT

By Louis J. Bristow

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL

New Orleans, Louisiana

### RECORD OF 1937

During the year 1937 the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, cared for 9,937 patients, giving them 54,624 days of service. We gave 3,218 days of free service, and 11,931 days of part free service. This free service cost the Hospital \$53,493.10. The value of physicians' and surgeons' services are to be added to that sum.

Operating expenses were paid, charity work was paid for, interest on the bonded debt was paid promptly when due, and \$53,000 was paid on the principal of the debt.

The outstanding bonded indebtedness at the close of the year is \$240,000 with semi-annual maturities until December, 1942, or an average of \$48,000 per year.

We bought complete new X-ray equipment at a cost of \$21,865.32, which was paid for. Other new equipment bought during the year cost \$7,413.60.

We received from the Cooperative Program \$21,683.97 and from the Hundred Thousand Club \$2,693.42, or a total from the denomination of \$24,377.39.

### COOPERATIVE WORK

During the year 1937 we cared for 33 missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board, at a cost of \$1,334.45 to the Hospital; 14 missionaries of the Home Mission Board, at a cost of \$588.10; and 11 inmates of the Rescue Mission (which is a Home Board institution), at a cost of \$539.40; or a total service to the two mission boards of \$2,461.95 during the year. We had also as guest patients the executive secretary of the Foreign Board, the executive secretary and the publicity secretary of the Home Board, and the superintendent of the Rescue Mission.

We did the usual volume of service for the faculty and students of the Baptist Bible Institute, the Protestant Home for Babies, the Seventh Street Protestant Orphanage, the Waldo Burton Home, St. Mark's Community Center (Methodist), Rachel Sims Goodwill Center, the Volunteers of America, the Salvation Army, and other kindred agencies: besides free work for churches and individuals. And we closed the year without a deficit, as we have closed all years before.

### ALLOCATION REDUCED

Heretofore allocation of Cooperative funds to the Southern Baptist Hospital has been 2½%; but at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convention held in December, that allocation was reduced to 2.2%, and the .3% taken from the Hospital was given to the Baptist Bible Institute, in order to bring its allocation to a sum equal to that received by the other two seminaries. This reduction in allocation will cost the Hospital from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per year.

### SIXTY-FOUR AND NEEDS HELP

Here is a letter from a brother who says he is 64 years old. He has served as a Baptist pastor for 35 years, his pastorates having been from two to ten years each. His wife is as old as he, and she has been ill since last July. He says, "I want to send her to a Christian hospital where she can receive Christian care." He has a contract with the Relief and Annuity Board, but its benefits will not be available to him until he is 68 years of age. His income is small and he is unable to bear the cost of hospitalization for

his sick wife.

It is to aid in such cases that a denominational hospital is established. We could greatly extend our help to those who need it if we had an additional building, as we have been asking for. We are trying to find 1,000 persons who will give \$100 each. We are not asking for large gifts, but we do request multitudes of small ones. A contribution in any sum will help.

### POOR AND SICK

Letters come to the Southern Baptist Hospital every day asking for help for the poor. Here is one which reads in part, "I am writing you concerning a young woman in our church who needs medical attention. The family are in destitute circumstances, but as her condition is one that demands the best of medical attention and care, I am writing to you, as I feel that the Southern Baptist Hospital is the place to receive this attention. . . . Our church is small and unable to help in this case." The letter is signed by a good woman whose heart is touched by the poverty and suffering and need of the sick young woman.

This Hospital is doing all the free work it can with its present capacity. It could enlarge its service if there were more beds. We are trying now to get money with which to enlarge our capacity. Contributions in any sum will be appreciated.

We are unwilling to go into debt to build.

### ECZEMA FOR SIX MONTHS

A letter from a Mississippi pastor reads in part, "There is a child who lives out in the country from here who has suffered with eczema for six months. The disease has covered almost all its body, and its hands and arms are running sores. The doctors are not able to cure it. The family, who are very poor, have asked that I write you to see if you can take the child for treatment. The church will pay its transportation to and from the hospital. I honestly believe it is a deserving case, but it would be strictly charity work."

What should we do? Suppose it were your little daughter? Our Hospital is willing to help, but our beds are all occupied. Will you who read this help us build an addition to our Hospital, to enable us to enlarge our free service? We need the addition so bad, so bad. Any help will be appreciated, and will go on blessing the sick long after you are gone.

### A HELPFUL BROTHER

"I have read your appeal in the Baptist paper for 1,000 who will give you \$100 each for the addition you need. I believe in your work, and while I cannot give \$100, I can give one dollar; and I am sending that." A one dollar bill was enclosed. It is one of many such letters that have come to us, and we appreciate them all. They breathe a spirit of cooperation and comradeship that greatly helps and strengthens.

### THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

One aspect of hospital life which does not receive proper recognition is that of its educational function. Only a year ago the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans completed an educational building—the only one at any hospital in Louisiana, and one of two in the entire South. This year it is building an additional dormitory for student nurses. The expenditure

of thousands of dollars for these buildings, and the necessary equipment for teaching may seem to some unnecessary. Consideration of the teaching function of a modern hospital should dissipate any such thought.

Very few people recognize the fact that in addition to caring for the sick and injured, the hospital is in truth an educational institution. It is the laboratory in which science seeks to explore the prevention, cure, and control of disease and its field of education and instruction covers nursing, social service workers, doctors, dietitians, and other specialized service.

### RARE DISEASE CURED

The Southern Baptist Hospital has attained an enviable place among health agencies in New Orleans and the South. The ability of its medical staff and its hospital care is recognized far and wide. Last year the Medical Director for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Doctor J. G. Vaughan, wrote us asking whether we would admit one of the missionaries of that Society who had contracted disease in India, and who had spent nearly three years in various hospitals in this country, but had found no relief. The missionary was admitted. By use of our excellent diagnostic facilities, the skilled mind of our doctor soon discovered the seat of trouble in the missionary, and treatment over a period of weeks effected a complete cure. The missionary's wife, Mrs. Hackett, had a case of the same rare disease, and she, too, was sent to us, and was cured. A letter from Missionary Hackett stated that soon they are returning to their work in India, after more than three years' sick-leave in America.

### \$4.60—BUT HEALTH RESTORED

She is from a small town in Mississippi. Her doctor sent her to us for a much needed operation. She said she was absolutely without means and referred us to her pastor, to whom we wrote. She was in this Hospital 18 days. Attending doctors ordered \$14.60 of special medicines; and the total cost of the cast was \$97.85. Her pastor sent us \$4.60 and wrote, "I am sorry this case is as small as it is. However, it comes from a small town church—a church that has seen better days. As a pastor, I know the great value of our Hospital, and I am grateful for the work it is doing." But a woman was healed and returned to her home and family. The church of which she is a member paid less than \$5.00 of the cost of nearly \$100. Someone else made it possible for the Hospital to serve her.

The Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans has never closed a year with a deficit.

The Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans has always paid salaries to employees in full every month.

The Southern Baptist Hospital has always paid its current obligations by the tenth of the month following purchase.

The Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans has always paid its bonds, principal and interest 100%, the day they were due.

The Southern Baptist Hospital has given free service to poor persons which has cost half a million dollars.